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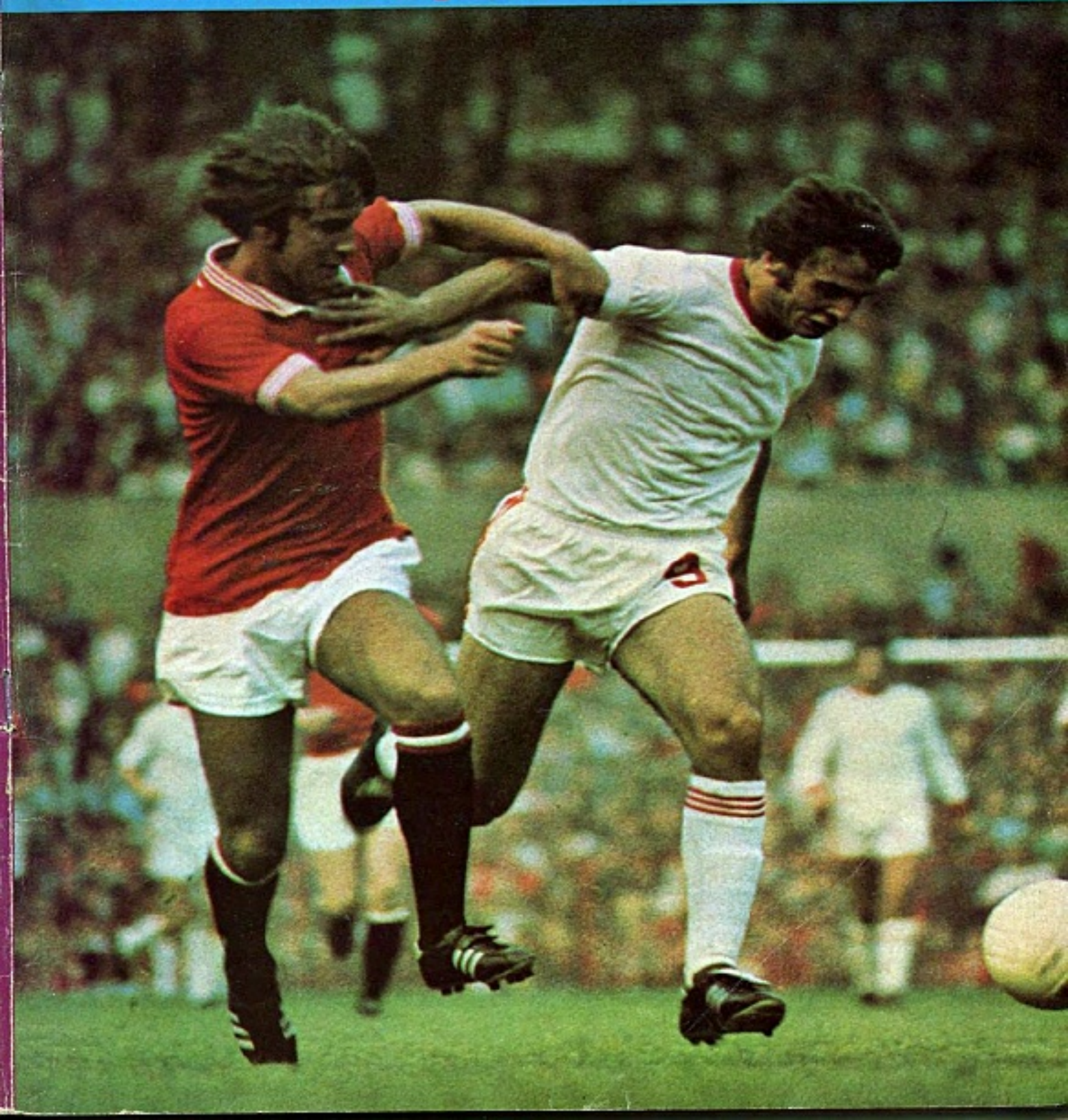

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DAVE SEXTON

the Queens Park Rangers manager is the subject of this month's

LESLIE VERNON interview

"YOU TRAVEL abroad to watch football more often than any other British coach. Why?"

"I love football, and I am interested to find out how other people play it. Watching domestic league matches abroad is just as useful, perhaps even more so, than attending international matches on country or club level.

"First, I'd like to make it clear that I regard myself as a coach rather than a manager. I really prefer the Continental term for coaches, which is, as you know, 'trainer'.

"My ambition is to be regarded by my colleagues as a good trainer. Now, football presents us with a series of problems. How to organise the defence? How to mark-up at corner-kicks, etc., etc. I can always see something new and interesting.

"You remember that fabulous goal Farkas scored against Brazil for Hungary in the '66 World Cup? I have seen and studied that goal a hundred times. It taught me the value of the near-post cross. Ron Greenwood also learned from it, and look what that type of ball did for West Ham and Geoff Hurst!

"What is the basic difference between the best of the Continentals and us?"

Spearhead

"Most of them play with two wingers and one central striker, while we play with only one winger and a dual spearhead. So, they have to play wide all-the-time, bringing the Muller-type striker into play only after a great deal of approach play.

"We are used to a more 'urgent' type of football. Our crowds are conditioned to it. We often by-pass the midfield and send long high balls up to the strikers to fight for it. Unfortunately, over a period of time, we stood still playing the same rather stereotyped game.

"We lost out technically — a very important aspect of top class football. But we have total physical committment, our players are brave and their mental approach is right."

"Yes, but our players haven't done much for their image in the eyes of the public recently?"

"In many cases, the Press exaggerate the difficulties. When a player is dropped or merely substituted, his pride is hurt. He wants to air his grievances — true or imaginary — and of course, he can always find a young reporter happy to listen, eager for a 'story'.

"The Australian cricket team weren't allowed to talk to the Press — there were no scandals, no controversies. But this is a difficult problem for me. I demand freedom of speech for myself, how can I deny it to my players?"

"Is there anything in the Continental game that you would like to be adopted into English football?"

"Their fluency. When they have a momentum, they keep it going. This is

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DAVE SEXTON is unquestionably one of the most talented and respected coaches in Britain. Son of a prize-fighter of the old "sweat and guts" school, Dave flirted with the idea of following his father's footsteps, then eventually settled for professional football. During his career as an inside forward with several clubs in and around London, he was a good, solid, average pro. — hard-working rather than inspired. His current eminence as a manager underlines once again the truism that you don't have to be a great footballer with natural talent to achieve "stardom" on the coaching field. Sexton's first significant contribution to the game was at Arsenal, but it was with the Gunners' traditional arch-enemies, Chelsea, that he established himself. When Tommy Docherty's stormy reign came to an equally tempestuous end with the Blues, the players sent a deputation to the Board asking them to appoint Dave Sexton as Manager.

'Workers participation'

This early action of "workers participation" in decisions affecting the "Company" turned out to be the best thing that could have happened to Chelsea. Sexton quickly revitalised the club, and was the most successful manager Chelsea ever had. Under his guidance, the club — for the first time in their history — won the F.A. Cup and a European trophy, embarked on a policy of modernising the ground, and recruited the best youngsters to ensure the club's future. But a clash of personality, to use the currently fashionable phrase which covers a multitude of unpleasant situations, soured Dave's position with Chelsea.

The Board, displaying a curious ambivalance towards the "Osgood-Hudson" duo on one hand, and Sexton on the other, sided bewilderingly in turn first with the players, and then with the manager (or was it the other way around?), and eventually, lost them all. Inevitably, they were relegated at the end of last season into the Second Division — their incredible folly not to say crime, punished swiftly by an apparently vigilane nemesis.

Traditions and grandeur

Sexton moved-on to neighbouring Queens Park Rangers, a club without the traditions and grandeur of Chelsea, but with solid enough foundations to enable them to look forward to a permanent spot in the First Division. They opened the season well, playing highly attractive football, and getting praise a-plenty for their positive approach to the game. I visited Dave Sexton in his attractive ground-floor office at the club to speak about his football philosophy. When I entered the room, he was on the phone arranging the showing of some coaching films.

A studious man, he is deeply involved in the game, and often watches the video recording of a particularly interesting match ten times or more. Usually described in the Press as an introvert who weighs his words carefully — a euphemism for the lack of flamboyant sensationalism — in reality, Sexton is a very warm, friendly person, who speaks his mind openly and passionately. His cockney sense of humour breaks through constantly, and he is not interested in pomposity or self-aggrandizement — he merely does a job to the best of his considerable ability in the interests of his employers.

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David Webb(6) of QPR and Steve Coppell(7) of Manchester United during their Loftus Road encounter.

DAVE SEXTON

interviewed by Leslie Vernon

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Fluency of continental game should be adopted

particularly noticeable at Moenchengladbach, and naturally, Ajax of old, W. Germany and the best sides of the last couple of years. They don't go frigid when they are one goal up — they carry on playing!

"I often look at boxing to borrow a phrase for my own football philosophy. A fighter must not adopt a defensive stance with his gloves protecting his head (Sexton stood up and gave a fair imitation of Muhammed Ali in Round Seven!). You must open up and take up a positive, attacking stance. This is the correct approach to any sport."

"Do you formulate your tactics according to the players at your disposal or vice-versa?"

"When I came here, I inherited a lot of hard work by Gordon Jago, Burtenshaw, Campbell and Terry Venables. The mould was there, and I didn't have to do much. I bought Don Masson to take the place of Venables, and now, John Hollins to add balance. The midfield is the most important department of a modern team. Ideally, it consists of an attacking player, an organiser and a ball-winner.

That is why I would like to see Gerry Francis (attack), Hudson (distribution) and Beattie (good tackler) forming the England middle line. We have here at Rangers some very good players — Parkes is currently the best 'keeper in England, and I expect Dave Clement to be capped before the season is over.

"At Chelsea, I tended to buy strong, hard-running forwards to complement Osgood, but here I feel that the balance is just right. You tell me that on the Continent some coaches are not interested in youth schemes, because they know that they won't be with the club long enough to reap the benefits. My ideas are different. If I get the bullet, I still wish to leave the club in a healthy state. Good luck to the bloke who inherits the fruits of my efforts."

"Would you like to see a clearer distinction between managers and coaches?"

"Definiately. Every club should have a general manager who deals with players' contracts and the business side of the running of the club. The 'trainer' (myself) should only be responsible for the teams, signing new players, etc. If a player comes to me now with a financial problem, I have to pass on the request to my Chairman, in any case, and it is a matter for the Board of Directors."

"Do you welcome the campaign to bring more entertainment, adventure into our football?"

"We have to, don't we, to survive? But, let's define entertainment. A French novelist said that people watch football because they enjoy the element of competition, the element of chance, self-identification with the players, and its theatre. I would add to that, it is entertaining to see adversaries enjoying themselves.

"Once again, the correct stance comes into it. If the teams play to score goals, if their tackling, passing, heading, shooting are good — that's entertainment. Swapping goals is meaningless, unless it is done correctly — that

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Gerry Francis, in happy mood after scoring for Queens Park Rangers.

is why I don't believe in bonus points for goals.

"I would never send a team out to entertain the crowd. That is not their business. Their job is to win by playing well. In any case, a footballer does not play principally for the crowd or for his coach. He plays: a) for the satisfaction of having a good game, b) to impress his team-mates that he is a good player, c) to impress the opposition that he is a good player, d) for the opposition to think that he is playing for a good team, e) he does his best for the crowd to say that they have seen a good match.

"Our past and our future in international football?"

"We haven't done too well in the European Cup because it has been dominated by clubs (Real, Ajax, Milan, etc.) who at that time dominated their own country's football. I wish Leeds would have had more opportunity to play in that competition. Technically, they were the best English side of the last decade, and would have done us proud. But I am optimistic about the future.

"A lot of good youngsters are coming along, we have talent at our disposal. Our coaches must work harder, and there must be a more positive approach.

"The Stance must be right".

GERD MULLER

West Germany and Bayern Munich

writes

Don't expect goal-glut in 1978 but top three will shine

JUST AFTER the last World Cup Finals in Germany, the Brazilian defender Franchco Marinho told me: "The Final between West Germany and Holland was brimful of superb attacking soccer. In my opinion this game will act as a spur to the rest of the world, because it proved beyond any shadow of a doubt that you can be both successful and entertaining at the same time. I believe both Germany and the Netherlands did a great service for world football."

Similar thoughts were expressed by many people after the Brazilians had dazzled us all with their unique brand of attacking play in Mexico. Pressmen throughout the world were hailing Pele and company as the game's saviours. They, like so many people, expected the years from 1970-75 to be an era of attractive play based purely on a quest for goals. Yet how wrong their hopes turned out to be!

Vengeance

For, after promise by both players and coaches alike that attacking soccer was on the way back, that old, old story of putting preventing goals before scoring them took the front seat with a vengeance. And suddenly in the space of only a few weeks all memories of the Brazilians' open disappeared in a cloud of dust, except that is in Holland, thanks to Ajax and Feyenoord, and I think in my own country.

The "Catenaccio" system which brought so much success to Italian clubs in European competition during the 1960s, was crushed by the devil-may-care Brazilians in 1970. But what is the "Catenaccio" system, you are probably asking. Basically it means playing the game with defence being the be all and end all of everything; in other words making avoiding defeat at all costs the prime and only aim.

It is based on your team packing its defence, and as such neglecting any positive attacking ideas; just simply relying upon an incisive break from a defensive position to score, and then in the words of Italy's Giacinto Facchetti: "Shutting up shop."

The Argentians, the hosts for the next World Cup in three years time, have also long been renowned for their defensive "sophistication". But unlike the money-conscious Italians they proved in 1974 that they have at last discarded the ultra-defensive concept. And prior to the last World Cup, their midfield star Miguel Brindisi was reported as saying that "attack is all that matters".

Unlike 1970, when the Brazilians captured the title, 1974 saw, via ourselves, the Dutch and the rejuvenated Poles, a new more positive approach at last having the desired effect on the world's premier managers and coaches.

For example, Mr. Vladislao Cap, Argentina's coach in Germany, reckons that imaginative attacking play will be the dominant factor of the next World Cup. This comment from Mr. Cap is all the more ironic when you consider the reputation, if that's the right word, the Argentinians have made for themselves during the past decade or so, and also that at one time this same Mr. Cap was boss of Independiente, who did absolutely nothing whatsoever to further the cause of entertaining football in their infamous World Club Championship encounters with Ajax some three years ago.

There is no doubt in my mind that the South Americans, especially the Argentinians and the Brazilians, possess more natural ball-players than even ourselves or the Dutch. But whereas the Argentinians now realise that a greater emphasis on scoring goals, plus more self-discipline from their fiery superstars, is the only way to play, their arch-Latin American neighbours and rivals Brazil seem to have literally copied all the bad European habits.

Their "new" tactical concept proved its point defensively-speaking that is during last year's World Cup Finals. In fact Bobby Charlton even went so far as to say that the Brazilians were the best defensive side in the whole competition. A sad comment indeed!

In essence then, I believe that the 1978 finals will not see the goal-glut every supporter craves for, and it should again be dominated by the same three countries who did so well in Germany, namely ourselves (although I won't be playing); Holland and Poland. And surely this will do nothing but good for the game, which let's face it urgently needs a massive shot in the arm!

WORLD XI

selected by Eric Batty

AT THIS time of year it has been my custom to choose a World XI for *World Soccer* readers who annually swamp the editor with their own particular preferences. Quite a lot of complaints come from South America because being European based I don't often get the chance to see South Americans play and no national team from that continent has appeared in Europe this year.

I understood that Argentina were going to come in the autumn and intended putting off my selection until I had seen them, as I did the Brazilians on their 1973 tour, but now I believe Argentina will not be coming after all.

I offer my apologies to aggrieved fans of River Plate and Boca Juniors but do not go so far as to extend this to anyone in Montevideo who have parted with so many players in recent years that only Fernando Morena is left who could conceivably be considered. I feel too that there must be good front players in Brazil but until their national selectors start showing us better strikers than Jairzinho and Valdomiro, as they were in 1974, I wait to be finally convinced.

Compared with last year my team shows ten changes, though some are only positional but the man who keeps his place is Poland's Grzegor Lato, who in my view has no equal as a modern modern, striking right winger. He maintained his 1974 performance, again finished to league goalscorer in Poland and spearheads his country's claim to a place in the last eight in the European Nations Cup. Everyone would do well to study his style and then look around amongst their own staff to see who they could convert to try and play like him.

Honourable

I still like David Harvey, though he missed quite a lot of matches for Leeds and Scotland through injury, and if I must give an honourable mention to a string of 'keepers — Clemence and Shilton (England), Van Beveren (Holland), Piot (Belgium) and Hellstrom (Sweden) — none of them in my view is really world class. Neither is Zoff, but he just gets the vote on the 1974-75 campaign. If Italy failed to make a recovery it certainly wasn't his fault.

Beckenbauer's switch to midfield is one I have mentioned often at this time bacuse I believe he is too good to waste at the back. For two reasons I have moved him this year; first the emergence of England's Colin Todd, who has now proved that he can re-produce his best club form at international level — and is probably the best player in Britain.

Secondly, with the intended retirement of Deyna, Van Hanegem getting on, Neeskens being injured so often and Bonev falling foul of the Bulgarian authorities and being dropped for months there is not so much midfield talent to choose from.

Finally, I found it impossible to ignore a magnificent performance for Portugal against England by Humberto, the ex-Benfica stopper and Portuguese captain.

Dino Zoff
(Juventus & Italy)

Berti Vogts
(Borussia Monchengladbach &West Germany)

Humberto Coelho
(Paris S-G & Portugal)

Colin Todd
(Derby County & England)

Rainer Bonhof
(Borussia Monchengladbach & West Germany)

Franz Beckenbauer
(Bayern Munchen & West Germany)

Gunter Netzer
(Real Madrid & West Germany)

Paul Breitner
(Real Madrid & West Germany)

Grzegorg Lato
(Stal Mielec & Poland)

Ralf Edstrom
(PSV Eindoven & Sweden)

Jupp Heynckes
(Borussia Monchengladbach & West Germany)

The Ajax pair of backs Suurbier and Krol still have many fans of course but I have a very high regard for Borussia Monchengladbach who with Real Madrid were in my opinion the outstanding teams of last season. It is inevitable therefore that these two sides should produce many of my team of the year.

Freedom

At full back I take Berti Vogts who is allowed far more freedom for his club than he has been permitted while playing for West Germany recently. Certainly the German defence, indeed their whole team, is so poor that if Vogts were caught upfield, the defence may well collapse. A complete player, Vogts can perform on either flank and also play stopper and sweeper — and he's no mean ball player either.

With him I go for Rainer Bonhof, the discovery of the 1974 World Cup as far as the West Germans were concerned and a much improved player. It is no co-incidence that when Borussia were going through a lean spell last autumn, Bonhof was suspended for the best part of two months and when he came back they zoomed up the table and took the UEFA Cup in great style. Bonhof I first saw and admired player 'libero' for Borussia but has now settled at left back.

Factors

The re-creation of a new super-Madrid is due to many factors including the work of their Yugoslav coach Miljan Miljanic but none of it would have been possible without the pressence of their two Germans Gunter Netzer and Paul Breitner. Netzer needs no introduction and is playing almost as well as he did around 1971-72 while Breitner's conversion to a midfield role has proved to be a master stroke.

Breitner always was a player who liked to go forward and had the skill to do it with real effect but lining up at inside right for Madrid he has been superb. He is always involved at the heart of the action, is the first man back when Real Madrid attack breaks down — and is the first one to move for a pass when the defenders have regained possession, a real midfield dynamo with craft and skill, a big heart and more than that . . . he never gets hasty.

My choice for the left wing is perhaps a controversial one for he too has not been blessed with a regular place in the West German side. However that in my view is Schon's bad luck. With really good left wingers at a premium these days, Heynckes (like Lato) is a converted centre forward. Quick, determined, hard to knock off the ball, good in the air and with a real shot that he curves and bends on occasions he was also the top scorer in the *Bundesliga* despite a string of knocks.

Problems

Finally, my centre forward which gave me the biggest problem of all. Ralf Edstrom has probably not yet developed to his full potential but he's a vastly improved player compared with the long, lean boy who first went to PSV. At one time a mere striker he now plays a more complete role, setting up many chances from which his colleague score.

If some fans think that Muller and Cruyff still rate top place I can't agree. Muller has dropped back to play a midfield role away from the heart of the action while Cruyff had a season with Barcelona which for a player with his gifts can only be described as pathetic.

I make no apologies (apart from our readers in South America) . . . and I just hope the Post Office can lay on extra vans to cope with all the mail. Some of 'my' players I must admit are not World Class — but currently they are the best there is about.

Looking at soccer . . . BRIAN GLANVILLE

Argentina and the 1978 World Cup ...doubts still remain in my mind

JOAO HAVELANGE, the highly adaptable and deeply political President of FIFA, has told us there is nothing to worry about; the World Cup will take place in Argentina in 1978 just as planned; politics and football have nothing to do with one another.

Readers of WORLD SOCCER will know that Senhor Havelange is not my favourite administrator, that it was with a feeling of despair that I saw him smoothly and controversially manoeuvre himself into power last year, and his latest little foray does nothing to reconcile me to him.

Scarcely had I read his words than the radio was telling me of further bloodshed and outrages in one of the cities scheduled for World Cup play in 1978. Buenos Aires, Rosario, Cordova; all have had fearful events in recent months. How Senhor Havelange has the gall to mouth such nonsense, to put at risk the lives of many footballers, and goodness knows how many reporters, administrators, referees and specatatoes, one cannot say for sure.

Accurate

One may, however, try to guess, and one's guess may well be accurate. For Senhor Havelange, the man, who, a few years ago, tried to whittle the British entry in FIFA down from four to one, is completely committed to his power base in South America; the more so since so many of his grandiose plans for the underdeveloped footballing nations, ringingly promised during his electoral campaign, have had to be so stringently reduced.

It may well be that Havelange will go on protesting to the bitter end that everything is for the best in the best of all possible . . . World Cups, while Argentinians continue to shoot, blow up and kidnap one another, while the Argentinian football authorities continue to make minimal progress on their building programme. In which case we may well have another Uruguay, 1930; a World Cup in which the South American nations duly take part, and all the major European Nations stay at home.

Oh, yes; perhaps Senhor Havelange will get Communist China whom he has been cultivating so assiduously, to play. Quite why Havelange is so keen to get the mediocre but numerically multitudinous Chinese into FIFA, at the expense of a quite guiltless Taiwan, is obscure. He is due to try yet again this year; and he may yet need them, after all, to make up the number in Argentina, three years from now.

Handbook

West Ham United's official handbook, ably and diligently edited by my friend Jack Helliar, is always a pleasure to read and receive, with its livingly, nostalgically compiled statistics.

At the risk of seeming a little recondite, I would like to dwell on a particularly obscure detail; the result of the West Ham United v Hakoah, Vienna, friendly match at Upton Park in 1923. Hammers had played Hakoah, an all Jewish team which included the illustrious Bela Guttman, later Benfica's manager, on summer tour, drawing with them in Vienna.

For the midweek return game — I believe it took place on a Monday — they put out their reserve side. A piece of hubris for which they were heavily punished. As the Handbook records, they were thrashed 5-0. A Hungarian born outside-right call Nemeth (Nemec?) scored three of the goals. But to this day, the honest Hammers give the result as that of a first team game.

Some of that Hakoah team, inevitably doomed and disbanded when the Nazis came to power in Austria, settled in England, and I remember a touching little reunion in a Piccadilly hotel when Guttman brought Benfica over to play Spurs, some thirteen years ago. Among those who greeted him was a little, grey haired man called Katz who was, I believe, the inside-left of that distinguished team.

Guttman, a splendid attacking centre-half with MTK of Budapest, itself a team formed by Jews, was a well established Hungarian international by the time he went to play in Vienna. There he still lives, and passes the afternoons pleasantly with his friends in the celebrated cafes; when he is not answering the call to manage yet another club.

He is now 75 years old. I still clearly remember my first meeting with him in Rome, nearly 21 years ago, when Milan had just sacked him while they were still top of the League!

Talking of Milan, by the time you read this, the Rivera-Buticchi affair will no doubt have been resolved one way or the other; but what an extraordinary passage at arms it has been!

Albino Buticchi is one of those new-rich Italians who did well out of the war and even better after it, in the so called economic miracle. He comes not from Milan but Liguria, and though the Milanese sports journalists fawn upon him in their customary way, he has his enemies in Milan.

Offensive

So much became very clear when Rivera, after a row with the club's Sardinian manager Gustavo Giagnoni and what he considered to be an offensive statement by Buticchi, offered to buy out Buticchi's shares. Buticchi, in front of a lawyer, Ladda, who was mediating

Gianni Rivera in action for Italy.

between them, said he would sell, assuming that he would call Rivera's bluff. But it was no bluff. The following day, Rivera had the money in the bank, ready and waiting, whereupon Buticchi decided that it had better be laughed off as a joke. He now refused to sell.

The way seemed blocked for Rivera, captain of Milan, a major star for nearly fifteen years. If he wanted to take legal action against his own club President, he needed the permission of the Italian FA, which would clearly never be given. Enter Ladda who, in a fine show of righteous indignation, sued Buticchi for the performance of his bargain, insisting that he, as a serious lawyer, a well intentioned intermediary, had been made to look foolish. Behind Rivera and, it was rumoured, Ladda, stood a wealthy Milanese businessman who was no friend of Buticchi.

Were Rivera to become President of Milan, he would be the second famous player to achieve such a function and a standing, though in vastly different circumstances. Giampiero Boniperti, the man who still rues the day he hired Italo Allodi as General Manager of Juventus, was a splendid international footballer, captained the club and Italy, scored two fine goals for FIFA against England at Wembley in October, 1953, kept his nose unexceptionably clean and acquired the favour of the wealthy Agnelli (FIAT) family, was taken on to the board, and eventually acquired the Presidency.

Threatened

But the FIAT money is what they call in America, old money. The Buticchi money is very, very new money. Giagnoni threatened that he would resign were Rivera to come back to the club, even if it were not as President. The knowing critics felt it wouldn't much matter, that Giagnoni was no Nereo Rocco.

Wily old Rocco, meanwhile, having resigned after bitter quarrels with Buticchi, was waiting in the wings, carefully refusing to commit himself about an offer from Padova, the club he managed with such success before he went to Milan, over a decade ago. By now, it may well be that Rocco is back in the Chair, Rivera is playing for Milan, Buticchi has gone back to the oil industry. Meanwhile, what with Giorgio Chinaglia taking off for Jersey and refusing to come back to Lazio, it was no peaceful summer for Italian football.

Good luck, meanwhile, to my old and very honest friend Enzo Bearzot, named as the new Italian team manager; a dedicated, decent man who deserves to succeed; though who can hope to in that den of thieves, where the biggest thieves of all have for so long been those who flourished?

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COLIN JOSE reports on the NASL championship

TAMPA BAY BEAT PORTLAND TIMBERS

GOALS BY Arsene Auguste and Clyde Best gave Eddie Firmani's Tampa Bay Rowdies a well deserved 2-0 win over the Portland Timbers in the North American Soccer Leage (NASL) championship game played in San Jose, California.

Auguste, coming on as a substitute for Malcolm Linton at left back in the 63rd minute, scored the first Tampa goal three minutes later, running onto a cross field pass from Derek Smithurst and driving the ball in off the underside of the bar from 30 yards.

The insurance goal came in injury time and once again Smethurst had a hand in setting it up pushing the ball through to Best who rounded Graham Day and right footed the ball past the advancing Graham Brown in the Portland goal.

After a rather tame opening in which the first real shot on goal didn't come until the 14th minute the game slowly picked up but generally defences dominated and play was largely confined to midfield. Portland failed to make adequate use of their fast wingers Willie Anderson and Jimmy Kelly and it was not until 26 minutes had gone by that Graham Day came up to test Paul Hammond in the Tampa goal. Hammond could only palm away Day's header from a free kick with Peter Withe standing on his doorstep but the ball went harmlessly behind.

As the half progressed Tampa began to show the type of combined play that has made them the finest NASL team since the 1973 Philadelphia Atoms and first Mark Lindsay broke through to shoot inches wide and then Derek Smithurst went close on two occasions first with a fine hook shot and then with a fine header which brought a full length save out of Brown.

Portland on the other hand were confined to long shots by the Tampa defence in which Stewart Jump and Alex Pringle held Peter Withe well. Evidence of this was that Portland's only two dangerous shots of the half both came from 25 yards.

In the second half Tampa began to build up the pressure from about the 15 minute mark with Stewart Scullion giving the Timbers defence a difficult time with some fine runs down the right wing while John Sissons and Derek Smithurst were always dangerous. John Boyle too got through a tremendous amount of work in midfield.

Resorted

Portland on the other hand resorted to far too much wild kicking which only added to their problems and they rarely troubled Hammond. Peter Withe who had caused so many NASL defences trouble this season lacked the support he needed in this game in which Tampa generally controlled the midfield and it was not until five minutes from time that he got his first real chance but then Hammond made a fine save from his shot from point blank range.

Tampa Bay: Hammond, Connell, Jump, Pringle, Linton (Auguste), Boyle, Lindsay, Sissons, Scullion, Best, Smethurst.

Portland: Brown, Martin, Godfrey, Day, Lynch, McLaren, Powell, Dangerfield (Betts), Anderson, Withe, Kelly.

The game was televised live on the CBS Television Network across the United States and viewers were informed that San Jose was the "Soccer Capital of the World" on that day, something that will no doubt come as surprise to people outside the U.S.

At half time Pele was interviewed by Kyl Rote Jnr. of the Dallas Tornado and speakin in English said that when he played in th U.S. for Santos five or six years ago th standard was very low, but now "I believe i soccer we have good players and good team and I think with the boys in the school playing soccer we will have very good teams i another five or six years".

Selected

Pele was of course named to the NASL "Al Star" team even though he only played in te games. The full team selected by the player was Peter Bonetti (St. Louis), Bob Smith (Philadelphia), Mike England (Seattle), Werner Roth (New York), Farrukh Quraishi (Tampa Bay), Arfon Griffiths (Seattle), Ronnie Sharp (Miami), Antonio Simoes (Boston), Steven David (Miami), Pele (New York), Gordon Hill (Chicago).

Quraishi was a surprise omission from the Tampa line-up for the NASL final for he certainly seems to be a player of considerable promise. Born in Iran he moved to England and then to the United States where he learned his soccer at Oneonta State University in New York.

But to me the most surprising omission from all of the NASL all star selections was Roberto Vieri of the Toronto Metros-Croatia team. Vieri, on loan to Toronto from Bologna, turned the Metros-Croatia from an average NASL team into a very good one during the last 10 games of the season and very nearly led them to the final.

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IF PAUL VAN HIMST had shown on the football pitch anything like the cool cussedness he displayed in switching clubs to RWD Molenbeek, the story of his own career and the recent history of Anderlecht might well have been very different.

Instead of a recital of perpetual promise, perhaps a story of real achievement. And if that seems a harsh judgement on Belguim's greatest footballer, a man with 81 caps, a record four times footballer of the year, three times the league's leading scorer, then so be it.

All I feel in the wake of van Himst's stunning switch — one which shocked Belgian soccer — is a fervent wish that at the wrong end of a marvellous career, he should have something more to show for it all.

Eight league titles and three Cup wins with Anderlecht are plenty of course. But when I say "something more" I mean of course at international level. Instead of which, barring a short-term miracle, Paul van Himst will be consigned to history as one of the greatest of footballers . . . ever produced by Belguim. Not as a great player in his own right, fit to rank alongside di Stefano, Pele, Puskas and company.

Ironically, sadly, had he been ten years younger, still far from his peak, the story could be very different now that Belguim is at last stumbling around to full-time professionalism. But now, alas, it's too late for van Himst.

Yet there was a time when it seemed he would be sure of a place at the very top, dragging his club along behind him. The date was September 12, 1962. Anderlecht were first round first leg visitors in Madrid in the Champions' Cup. They were expected to be little more than cannon fodder for the Real team which, only a few months before, had lost a stirring final 5-3 to Benfica.

After all, wasn't this the club which had been beaten 10-0 once by Manchester United? Yes, it was. But a great change had come over Anderlecht, named after the southern suburb of Brussels, since. For one thing, Bill Gormlie, the former Blackburn goalkeeper who had been manager for a decade from 1949, had left.

Potent

Had left in fact at about the same time — December 1959 — van Himst was making his debut. Van Himst had been barely 16. He'd been born in Brussels on October 2, 1943. For four months he was guided by a stand-in Frenchman, Georges Perino. Then along came another Frenchman, to be more exact a Corsican, named Pierre Sinibaldi.

He had been a French international centre forward while with Reims, only to have his career cut short by injury. Now he intended bringing a touch of that potent Reims magic of the 1950s to Anderlecht. And how he succeeded!

Van Himst's star rose with that of Sinibaldi. Anderlecht had always enjoyed a tradition for pattern football, but it was Sinibaldi who gave them style and it was van Himst who provided the attacking power which would keep Anderlecht out in front of the rest of Belgian soccer for most of the succeeding 15 years.

Van Himst first appeared at centre forward. Within two years he had won three international caps — the first against Sweden in a 2-0 defeat in a World Cup qualifying game in Solna on October 19, 1960 — and been twice elected footballer of the year, in 1960 and 1961.

More than that he had shown he had the temperament necessary to become an ideal captain. For instance, on the eve of his international dubut, van Himst went off to his room to write a few letters — a far cooler reception than most inexperienced players would give their first appearance for their country.

But as well as a controlled temperament and power, van Himst had skill, mobility and grace and Sinibaldi didn't want him wasted in the centre of the attack.

Accordingly he switched van Himst to the left, giving him a traditional blustering spearhead in Jacques Stockman. Later Stockman went to Liege, but Johan Devrindt, Dutchman Jan Mulder and Swede Thomas Nordahl would follow him in the same role feeding off van Himst in the centre of attack with equal success.

After all, with Paul van Himst allowed the freedom to manoeuvre to order his attack, keep the game flowing and score goals as well, why shouldn't all his colleagues have done well? At first, of course, van Himst wasn't the deep-lying schemer he would become, the role he always saw himself in. Anderlecht had a superb midfield general already in the bespectacled Jef Jurion — but these two *together* seemed the ideal guarantee of a wonderful future for the club from the Parc Astrid.

Anderlecht's rise is an entirely post-war phenomenon. Gormlie, national team manager at the same time, led them to the league title in 1949, 1950 and 1951 and then to another triple in 1954, 1955 and 1956. In 1959 they were top again and then 1962 brought with it the first triumph of the Sinibaldi era and the springboard to instant fame throughout Europe in that Champions' Cup-tie with Real Madrid.

Van Himst, who'd never known any other club (Anderlecht boss Constant Vanden Stock signed him at the age of nine!) was in breathtaking form against the cosmopolitan Madrid veterans.

This was a far cry the nervy team which had been hammered out of sight in 1956. Madrid had the better of the opening stages and Anderlecht's only break saw van Himst — who else? — put some pressure on the Real defence virtually single-handed before the Belgians went one down through a Georges Heylans own goal.

Francisco Gento added a second and it looked all over. Everyone thought so. Except van Himst. In the nine minutes before half-time he struck twice. First with a brilliant solo goal, then with another flash of sophisticated simplification, carving a gap for Jean-Pierre Janssens, the former St. Gilloise right winger, to equalise.

The second half followed a similar pattern. It started with two setbacks: a goal for Alfredo di Stefano and a crippling injury for skipper and left half Marten Lippens — no substitutes then, remember. Yet some brilliant goalkeeping by ex-Veros Lobogo man Arpad Fazekas — whose famous boast was that Puskas had never beaten him — kept Anderlecht alive. And with time running short

VAN HIMST SWITCH IS BIG SHOCK

KEIR RADNEDGE traces the career of Belgium's most capped player

van Himst, precocious, clever, but utterly dedicated to the team cause, set up another equaliser, this time for the former Ostende left winger, Wilfried Puis. So, 3-3.

Back to Brussels, and this time Anderlecht, playing in a dream, threw themselves on Madrid from the start. As the first half drew on, they became discouraged as Madrid soaked up the pressure. But an injury to Jose Vicente — lanky Ignacio Zoco had to go in goal for a few minutes — gave them new hope. With time running out they redoubled their efforts and with just two minutes left Jurion snapped home the winner. Madrid were out. One era was drawing to a close, another — Anderlecht hoped — was under way.

The experts who hadn't given the Belgians a chance beforehand, were sweeping in their praise. Suddenly people started to recall the fine performances Anderlecht had put up against Benfica and Racing Club in the Paris tournament of 1961 when their stylish, patient, arrogant possession football surprised so many.

Pedigree

All at once Anderlecht were being tipped to set Europe alight. CDNA Sofia — another club with a long European pedigree — were next, beaten 2-2, 2-0. Then, into the quarter finals and Dundee. The first leg was in Belgium, with everyone expecting van Himst to lead Anderlecht sweeping home against the little-known Scots.

But Anderlecht had a weakness. Sinibaldi liked open football, but he had coached Anderlecht to place implicit faith in the off-side trap. This time they were caught in their own cleverness. Dundee timed their attacking moves to perfection and, with all Belgium looking on, won 4-1. Anderlecht went down by a mere 2-1 in the return, but that was that. The British hoodoo had reasserted itself.

Yet in that brief run van Himst had established his name as being that of a star of world potential. He was strong he could shoot, he could make goals, he was a brilliant individualist, but also the ideal team man. From then on and for the next ten years he was inundated with offers to sell his talents abroad. In Italy at first, then West Germany and France and later still, Spain. Yet he never showed the slightest interest.

His home is in Brussels — well, just outside now, a fine villa in Grand Bigard. His business interests are in Brussels and it's to these he will turn when he's finally finished playing, not to the careworn career of a coach. He had no wish to uproot his family. He enjoyed his football and it brought him an excellent living.

He was a national hero in Belgium as he could never be abroad. Anderlecht had been his one club and he wanted to stay. The club were grateful. They needed him. But Vanden Stock and president Alfred Roosens were never under any illusion that had van Himst wanted to accept one of the myriad offers which came his way, there was no way Anderlecht could have held him.

The year 1964 saw new peaks in van Himst's career. He wasn't 21 yet, but with 26 goals he topped the league scoring charts; in the Paris tournament his artistry made Reims (beaten 3-1) and Borussia Dortmund (beaten 5-2 in the final) look like novices; and in the autumn, at Wembley, his skill amid the Anderlecht-dominated Belgium line-up made England despair of being ready for the 1966 World Cup.

Extra edge

Anderlecht's adventurous left back Jean Cornelis shot the Belgians ahead; Fred Pickering levelled. Van Himst, too restricted in the No. 9 shirt, put Belgium back ahead only for another club-mate, Laurent Verbiest, to present England with an own goal equaliser. With a little extra edge, a little extra determination, a little more bite, self-confidence and ambition, the Belgians would have won. But then, that's the recurring theme of this story . . .

Anderlecht were now embarked on the golden era. They won the league in a straight five-year run: 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968. In 1965 they achieved the Belgian double, beating Standard Liege 3-2 in the final of the Cup. In 1966 they came so close again. After a poor start in the league they raced past St. Trond during a period in which — including European ties — they rocketed through 16 games scoring 64 goals and conceding a mere four.

They were back in the Cup Final too. But this time Standard took revenge, winning 1-0 with a goal from their *enfant terrible*, Roger Claessen. Nevertheless, Anderlecht won the Paris tournament again and van Himst had been elected footballer of the year for the third time. His prize included a trip to England to watch the World Cup Finals. Sadly the Belgians had been eliminated by the incomparibly less artistic but vastly more realistic Bulgaria.

It was a year of change for Anderlecht. Sinibaldi, creator of all this glory, was replaced by Andras Beres, a Hungarian, from Beerschot. Stockman was sold to Liege. Verbiest, tragically, was killed in a car smash.

Differences

Van Himst, top scorer again in 1966 with 24 goals, took third place the following year. Mulder was top with 20, then came Raoul Lambert (19) with van Himst on 18.

Anderlecht took the 1967 title with the cleanest of goal differences — 63 to 12 — but were surprisingly beaten 2-0 by Malines in the Cup semi-finals. The storm clouds were gathering. Jurion had a row with Vanden Stock and was suspended, ultimately being transferred to La Gantoise. Beres was dismissed in mid-season. Yet youth team coach Raymond de Raeymaecker stepped up and Anderlecht were champions again. Van Himst finished joint top scorer with Claessen, on 20.

And Claessen's Standard broke the Anderlecht the following year, 1968-69, as Anderlecht entered their transition. Van Himst was now their captain — captain of Belgium too — slipping further and further into midfield, escaping the rough and tumble of the penalty box, but still magnificent in full stride.

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ARTHUR ROTMIL spotlights the West German Footballer of the Year

MAIER WINS TOP AWARD

JOSEF "SEPP" MAIER the goalkeeper of world and European champions West Germany and of the Eurpean Cup holders Bayern Munich, has been voted "Footballer of the Year" in his country. He became only the second goalkeeper to win this honour since these polls began in 1960. His predecessor was Hans Tilkowski, who achieved this distinction in 1965.

Thus, at the age of 31, the popular "Sepp" (Bavarian diminutive for Josef), has reached another milestone of his brilliant and already unsurpassed career. For it is doubtful whether any goalkeeper in the world will ever match Maier's trophies: Winning medals in the World Cup, European Championship, two in the European Cup, one in the Cup Winners' Cup, four in the German Cup and four in the German National League championships.

Sepp Maier has in fact, kept goal in ten finals — including all at the highest level in football — and he has always left the field on the winning side! As if to underline the merit of his election, Maier was also voted by his fellow professionals in the *Bundesliga* as their "Man of the Year".

Sepp Maier of West Germany.

Controversy

Maier also boasts 63 caps — the highest number ever gained by a German 'keeper. In addition, he holds four Amateur caps and he has played for the National Youth side.

Yet, there has always been some controversy, both in his native land and outside, over his rating as a world class goalkeeper. He probably clinched his current award with a brilliant display in the European Cup final against Leeds, which included a stupendous save from just a few yards from Billy Bremner.

Few, if any goalkeepers could have anticipated that shot quite so superbly as Maier. His captain Franz Beckenbauer says: "Sepp has been for some years now and still is the finest goalkeeper in the world. He would be the greatest of all time — if only he didn't play so much tennis"!

This is an allusion to Maier's great love outside football and the fact that he runs a tennis centre and school for youngsters in Munich. Maier is such a good tennis player, that several coaches have predicted a great career for him — if only he didn't play so much football! But Germany's premier custodian claims: "Tennis helps me to develp and improve concentration." And it is typical of him to claim that originally he wanted to be a top class gymnast!

Maier was born on February 28, 1944 and is a trained art-metal worker. He joined Bayern as a 14-year-old schoolboy in 1958. Before that he played for the junior team of TSV Haar. Maier has now performed — as I write — in 311 consecutive League matches, for Bayer, since August 20, 1966! His secret of success: Maier is a fitness fanatic, who still trains for two hours every day.

It is of course true, that Maier, apart from some truly superb games, has played some "stinkers" in his time. One such nightmare, which has probably made a few British commentators suspicious of his ability and temperament, occurred in the European Cup quarter-final against Ajax Amsterdam in 1973. Maier had had a mental "black-out" that night as nothing went right for him and Bayern crushed 4-0. After the match Maier chucked his footballing gear out of the window of the dressing room!

In 1968, playing against AC Milan in the semi-final of the Cup Winners' Cup, he was charged unfairly in the air by Milan's Brazilian striker Sormani. Trying to get his own back Maier wanted to kick the ball out, as near to Sormani's head as possible, but the wily Milanese stuck out a foot and the ball rebounded into the net! The referee awarded a goal, whilst Maier has had to be restrained by his colleagues from attacking the referee. Later he smashed the thermos flask and several cups in the changing room.

But by contrast, Maier, despite his fiery temper is a warm hearted and generous character. He is also a delight to his souvenir hunting fans, whom he spoils with constant presents. Bayern's business manager Walter Fembeck sighs: "Sepp constantly hands out parts of his outfit to his supporters. We simply cannot afford to buy him a new sweater every week."

Two years ago he bet that he would still stand in goal for the national side in the 1978 World Cup final series. Today he is prepared to raise that stake. "I am like whisky — getting better every year" — says the popular Sepp. And I shall retire only when Beckenbauer and Müller, instead of running onto the field with me, will have to support me" — adds the Bayern joker.

Nothing illustrates his current standing better than the result of that poll for the "Footballer of the Year" trophy. Maier received 260 votes, Berti Vogts 122, Beckenbauer 99, while the great Gerd Müller (only in 11th place) collected just three votes . . .

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TITLE HOPES FOR HAPPEL

Club Focus on FC Bruge by Jack Rollin

THIS SEASON is a vital one for FC Bruges if they hope to make any impression on the championship which they last won in 1973. That was only their second ever title in the League, the previous one coming as long ago as 1920.

Bruges, of course, have moved to new premises since their last success in this direction. They have gone from the old Dieserinck Stadium better known as "De Klokke". Today they are in the Olympic Stadium which at the moment houses 32,000 and will eventually hold 40,000 when the improvements are completed.

Under the keen eye of their trainer Ernst Happel, an Austrian who was in charge of Feyenoord when they won the European Cup, Bruges are this season concerned in the UEFA Cup as well as the domestic chores of the Belgian First Division.

He has a useful squad under his charge and they could well cause one or two upsets without perhaps being quite good enough to disrupt the early promise shown by RWD Molenbeek and Antwerp.

Saviour

Probably his best known player is centre-forward Raoul Lambert who has been the saviour of many internationals for Belgium in recent years. Only the other week he scored the only goal which beat Iceland in a vital European Championship match.

Now aged 30, he comes from a sporting family and is one of five footballing brothers in fact. He has been with the club since he was a junior, too.

Helping him up front are Ulrik Le Fevre, the 29-year-old Danish international striker who usually plays on the left in attack. Le Fevre started in his native country with Vejle and then went to Germany to play in the Bundesliga with Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Raoul Lambert, pictured playing for Belgium, is sent sprawling in the penalty area by Michels of France . . . but the referee waved play on.

System

He joined Bruges in 1972 and in his first season he was able to help the club to their first title in over 50 years.

Bruges operate a system not unlike the traditional English game of old with both wings in use in a 4-3-3 system. Completing the attack is Roger Van Gool, a Belgian 'B' international who was originally with Antwerp and is 25-years-old.

In midfield the best known player is probably Julien Cools, another full Belgian cap who is a 28-year-old and was formerly with Beringen. The other two are Daniel De Cubber a close season signing from Union Royale and the current star of the team, Raoul Van Der Eycken, who scored three of the club's UEFA Cup goals in the away leg against France's Lyon including one from the penalty spot.

The back four is also heavy on experience and expertise. Another new signing in the summer was Eddy Krieger, a fellow countryman of Happel's from Austria and with FK Austria before his move.

Krieger has full international experience with his native country in the role of sweeper. The Bruges stopper centre-back is 26-year-old Georges Leekens a 'B' cap for Belgium and signed in 1972 from Crossing Schaarbeek.

Capture

Right back Alfons Bastyns is the captain. A 28-year-old who was formerly with Racing White he has been with Bruges since 1967.

Left-back Jozef Volders also comes from Brussels originally and was with Anderlecht for several years before moving to his present club. Volders is 25 years old and a former youth international.

In the summer, too, the club made capture from Lugano, the Swiss forw Konrad Holenstein. Completing the squad left back Norbert Denaeghel a 25-year-o Danish international goalkeeper Bert Jens reserve goalkeeper Pieters, defend Hinderyck and Van Look plus midfield pla Sanders.

Bruges are obviously one of those clubs w are keen to have foreign coaches. Bef Happel, they had a Dutchman Leo Can who led them in their successful season 1972-73 when they won the championship.

Last season Bruges averaged 15,0 spectators at their home games and will looking to keep this number and even impro on it if they have a good run of results.

In the close season Bruges released seve notable players including Johnny Thio, Ed Caers, Henk Houwaart and Hans Aabe They will be hoping that their replaceme will provide equal if not better success.

WORLD SOCCER DIARY

Holcer moves on to join Stuttgart

DRAGAN HOLCER, the former Hajduk Split and Yugoslavian international centre-half has returned to Germany, 30 years after leaving there, in vastly different circumstances.

Holcer was born in a concentration camp in Swizle and moved to Yugoslavia with his family soon after the war ended. Now he has gone back to play for VFB Stuttgart in the Second Division of the Bundesliga.

Holcer who was capped on 51 occasions by Yugoslavia, was a leading international right up to the time of the last World Cup in 1974.

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LIERSE HAVE already established a reputation this season as being a team which has proved to be the Kiss of Death to several clubs in the Belgian First Division.

Their best performance was beating Antwerp away 4-0. And Leeds United fans will be reminded of the fact that in the UEFA Cup of 1971-72 season they were treated to a summary dismissal by the Belgian club, too.

Leeds won at Lierse 2-0 but were then surprisingly beaten at home by four clear goals by the Belgians in one of the most startling upsets recorded in the history of European football.

This season that Kiss of Death label is even more appropriate because their leading scorer at present is Posthumus . . .

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ATTENDANCES FOR the preliminary competition in the South American championships produced figures of 550,000 for the 18 group matches involved. With an eye to the 1978 World Cup competition, of course, these figures are interesting.

The average attendance of just over 30,000 per game is satisfacory and obviously there will be increased interest when the competition reaches the latter stages.

The four qualifiers for the final stage are Uruguay (the holders) who were excused the preliminaries, Brazil, Peru and Colombia. The Brazilians were the most impressive again, beating the 1978 World Cup hosts, Argentina in their group.

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ONE OF the biggest crowds to watch the first leg first round matches in the three European Cup competitions was in Sofia when 70,000 turned CSKA Sofia v Juventus European Cup match.

The Bulgarians found themselves a goal down four minutes before the interval when Pietro Anastasi once the most expensive player in the world at £440,000 gave the Italians the lead.

In the second half it was a grim struggle with the Italians holding on to their lead but with eight minutes to go Denev equalised and then in the last seconds they forced the winner when Marashliev put CSKA into the lead.

CSKA knocked Ajax out of the competition in 1973-74 after they had won the cup three years in succession.

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WHILE GOALSCORING in the Bundesliga has fallen off recently after a bright start, the East Germans across the border are still maintaining a high average themselves.

After the first five complete rounds of the championship, the First Division there has yielded an average of 3.7 per game which if continued will put them above anyone else in Europe at the end of the season.

The Bundesliga at present can only rake up an average of 3.2 which is below their 3.4 of last season which was Europe's best and in 1973-74 they were top with 3.5.

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IN FRANCE the boom in attendances continues. The fifth week of the championship produced a record number of 164,444 spectators for an average of 16,500 per game in the First Division.

The match between Marseille and St. Etienne alone was watched by 47,844.

Marseille are the best supported club at present with an average home crowd of 29,369 while Lens have 20,462. Altogether 13 of the 20 First Division clubs are averaging five figure attendances, which is remarkable in this day and age.

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European Championshi

A YEAR AGO I previewed in *World Soccer* the current European Championship — or Nations Cup, the old title which I prefer. At that time barely a ball had been kicked and I gave tips for the eventual winners.

Now at what is virtually 'half-time' in the championships it is revealing to take another look at the competition and consider again my tips, which group by group I have given in brackets after my current prediction.

With regard to the eventual outcome I am still of my original opinion — if either England or West Germany reach the semi finals, then UEFA will give them the right to stage the semi finals and final . . . and that of course will give either team a distinct advantage and probably determine where the trophy will go.

Formidable

West Germany in Munich, even with their depleted team playing in Munchen's Olympic Stadium — or England, being re-built by Don Revie, playing at Wembley are still very formidable despite the fact that on current form neither can really be described as either consistent or World Class.

Home advantage and the presence of their own fans makes for at least a one goal start and as things stand at the moment no other country seems to be in the running for the right to put on the final stages.

GROUP 1

In Group 1, England took an early and perhaps winning lead but have reached a position where they MUST win one of their away games against Czechoslovakia or Portugal, or obtain two away draws. Neither will be easy for the Czechs showed what they were capable of by hammering Portugal 5-0 . . . after Humberto and Alhinho had held England to 0-0 at Wembley and they are even more difficult to beat in Bratislava. Portugal at home can be equally tough opposition but though this makes the group wide open still, I stick to my original prediction.

Tip: ENGLAND (England)

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
England	4	3	1	0	9	0	7
Czechoslovakia	3	2	0	1	9	3	4
Portugal	3	1	1	1	2	5	3
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	0	12	0

Games to be played:

October 20 Czechoslovakia-England
November 12 Portugal-Czechoslovakia
November 19 Portugal-England
November 23 Cyprus-Czechoslovakia
December 3 Portugal-Cyprus

GROUP 2

In Group 2 two factors have intervened to turn the table almost upside down apart from the fact that Luxembourg are bottom and pointless. I reckoned that the Hungarians were overdue for a revival (which they still are) but perhaps illness to Josef Bozsik and a series of temporary managers have not helped. Now that Lajos Baroti has taken over again I definitely expect a distinct improvement in Budapest but it will come too late for this competition. The other unknown factor, was of course, the arrival on the Welsh scene of English coach Mike Smith who seems to have waved a magic wand and transformed Wales. If, as I expect, the Hungarians show a rapid improvement they could well take a point (even two) from Austria and that would leave Wales to beat Austria at home to clinch their place. With Hungarian help, the Welshmen will only have themselves to blame if they fail.

Tip: WALES (Hungary).

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Wales	3	4	0	1	13	4	8
Austria	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Hungary	4	1	1	2	5	6	3
Luxembourg	4	0	0	4	4	14	0

September 24 Hungary-Austria
October 15 Austria-Luxembourg
October 19 Hungary-Luxembourg
November 19 Wales-Austria

GROUP 3

Group 3 has gone pretty much the way I expected though the Yugoslavs were initially set back on their heels with the emigration of their manager and emigration combined with calls to Army service decimating their World Cup team. However, after an unbelievably bad performance against Northern Ireland in Belfast they created a new team very rapidly, full of talented youngsters and then won away to both Sweden and Norway. With two home games to come it looks once more like Yugoslavia.

Tip: YUGOSLAVIA (Yugoslavia)

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Yugoslavia	4	3	0	1	8	4	6
Northern Ireland	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Sweden	4	2	0	2	6	4	4
Norway	5	1	0	4	3	7	2

October 15 Yugoslavia-Sweden
October 29 Northern Ireland-Norway
November 19 Yugoslavia-Northern Ireland

GROUP 4

Group 4 has already seen a few upse
least being the home defeat of Scotla
Spain who won 2-1 at Hampden Park.
should have put Spain in the driving se
the team newly built by Ladislav K
failed in two consecutive home games.
held to 1-1 draws by both Scotland
Rumania. Scotland are not yet out of
they have a potential four points
bagging from home and away matches
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Scotland v Rumania. It all suggests a
tight finish between Scotland, Spain
Rumania with the last named holding th

If they could win at home to Spain and
get at least a draw from Glasgow they
pip their rivals but to date the Rumai
have so concentrated on defence that
must be considerable doubt around
ability to win anywhere despite the atta
skills of Mircea Lucescu and the very
Nicolae Dobrin. Without a great de
confidence because the Scots have p
themselves to be such an unpredictable
stand by my original choice.

Tip: SCOTLAND (Scotland)

	p	w	d	l	f
Spain	4	2	2	0	6
Rumania	4	1	3	0	8
Scotland	4	1	2	1	4
Denmark	4	0	1	3	2

October 12 Spain-Denmark
October 29 Scotland-Denmark
November 16 Rumania-Spain
December 17 Scotland-Rumania

GROUP 5

The clash between Poland-Holland-Ital
Group 5 is still tight as a drum though
Poles having to play Finland away so
after the very tiring World Cup deprived t
of the chance to run up goals in Helsi
Holland still have to visit Italy with the h
side doing everything possible to restore t
tattered prestige and then there are the h
and away matches between Poland
Holland. It could come down to g
difference in the end, and if there's nothin
it goals wise at the moment, by the time th
published Holland should have picked up
valuable points at home to the Finns and

...y and England ...n favourites

...p ...nd-up conducted by Eric Batty

improved their goals for column.

Tip: POLAND (Poland)

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Poland	5	2	1	0	5	1	5
Holland	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Italy	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Finland	4	0	0	4	2	9	0

August 20 Holland-Finland
September 9 Poland-Holland
September 27 Italy-Finland
October 15 Holland-Poland
October 25 Poland-Italy
November 22 Italy-Holland

GROUP 6

The Soviet Union got off to a diabolical start, losing 0-3 away to the Republic of Ireland in Dublin. Then of course the situation was righted from the Russian viewpoint by calling on the Dynamo Kiev squad to take over their fixtures. Eire, under the guidance of Leeds' Johnny Giles could have taken over as favourites had they got a point away to the Soviet Union but having lost 2-1, they are top at the moment but unlikely to stay there.

Tip: SOVIET UNION (Soviet Union)

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Eire	5	2	1	2	7	4	5
Russia	5	2	0	1	5	4	4
Turkey	4	1	2	1	4	6	4
Switzerland	4	1	1	2	5	5	3

October 12 Switzerland-Russia
October 29 Eire-Turkey
November 12 Russia-Switzerland
November 23 Turkey-Russia

GROUP 7

Though the East Germans have improved enormously in the last two or three years and were the only team to beat West Germany during last years World Cup I felt all along that Belguim could top this group. My initial feeling about this group was that UEFA had boobed again — as they did by pairing Italy, Holland and Poland in the same group — but the collapse of the East Germans has virtually made a present of qualification to Raymond Goethals and his squad. France, who unrealistically I feel hoped for a great improvement under the magician Stefan Kovacs, failed to get it but the surprise of this group so far has been the remarkable success of little Iceland who held France to a home draw and took three points from East Germany. The DDR are still the only real threat to Belgium but the most they can possibly get now is 7 points and even then would have to beat Belguim away. If they managed that it would still leave the Belgians to pick up the necessary three points and if it comes to goals difference, again the Belgians currently hold a formidable lead.

Tip: BELGUIM (Belguim)

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Belgium	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Iceland	4	1	2	1	3	4	4
East Germany	4	0	3	1	4	5	3
France	3	0	2	1	3	4	2

September 3 France-Iceland
September 6 Belguim-Iceland
September 27 Belguim-East Germany
October 11 East Germany-France
November 15 France-Belguim

GROUP 8

In Group 8 there could only be one possible favourite — West Germany — but though reigning World and European Champions, Helmut Schon and his band got themselves into a lot of trouble with the 'retirement' of Muller, Overath and Grabowski, combined with the export of Breitner to Real Madrid. Drawing 2-2 away to Greece and winning only by the *minimum* — 1-0 margin away to Malta it was clear that the German's had only a team and not a real squad in the fullest sense.

Their problems arose, as they do in so many countries because no one had been blooded to replace the key men and one wonders what would have happened to them had Muller and Overath for example been injured during the World Cup. However, though it meant the DFB backing down a bit and Herr Schon swallowing his pride and recalling Gunter Netzer, he managed to assemble a team for the not tll difficult trip to Sofia where they got yet another draw. Meanwhile Malta came to the rescue of West Germany with a surprise 2-0 win over Greece the group leaders and with three home games to come it looks like West Germany in a canter despite their problems.

Tip: WEST GERMANY (West Germany)

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Greece	5	2	2	1	11	8	6
Bulgaria	4	1	2	1	10	6	4
West Germany	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Malta	4	1	0	3	2	10	2

October 11 West Germany-Greece
November 19 West Germany-Bulgaria
December 21 Malta-Bulgaria
February 26 West Germany-Malta

Chris Nicholl of Northern Ireland is beaten to the ball by Sweden's goalkeeper during their 2-1 defeat in Belfast.

Lokeren top with Lubanski

BELGIUM

AFTER five rounds of the championship, there are new leaders, SC Lokeren. Trained by the 75 times capped former Czechoslovakian international record holder Ladislav Novak, their best known player is recently acquired Polish star Wlodzimierz Lubanski signed from Gornik Zabrze.

Lokeren have dropped two points, however, to champions RWD Molenbeek. They in turn were beaten at Antwerp 2-1, where Austrian centre-forward Karl Kodat scored both goals. Kodat with a hat-trick against FC Liege in the League and another in the first round first leg UEFA Cup tie with Aston Villa is doing well for a club who are without their other Austrian striker Klaus Riedl, currently recovering from injury.

But even Antwerp have suffered. Three days before their tie with Villa they slumped 4-0 at home to Lierse. In fact Lierse who are lying second in the table also handed out a home defeat to Anderlecht which had a much more historical connection.

It was Anderlecht's first home defeat in 69 matches. The last time they were beaten at home was on April 2, 1971 when Union St. Gilloise beat them 1-0. And Union — known these days as Royale Union and relegated to Division Three if you please — have themselves strong current links with Anderlecht.

Equalised

In the summer the club went mad and signed 17 new players including no fewer than six from Anderlecht — De Bolle, Stallaert, Leghait, Barth, Denul and Verheyen. They have a millionaire President which helps and a former Anderlecht full-back Georges Heylens as trainer.

The connections continue. In the Cup this season Anderlecht were drawn to play Royale Union. With five minutes to go Union were leading 1-0 . . . but Anderlecht equalised and won 2-1 in extra time.

RWD Molenbeek are now a much stronger outfit on paper than even last season with the acquisition of Guy Leonard (goalkeeper) from FC Malinois, plus forwards Karl-Heinz Wissmann from St. Trond and a Dutchman Sip Bloemberg from GVAV Groningen.

It remains to be seen whether they can retain their title in the circumstances.

Attendances have been reasonably healthy, too, so far. Some 35,000 saw the top of the table clash between Antwerp and RWD Molenbeek, who had earlier attracted a crowd of 30,000 when they won at FC Bruges. The local derby between Standard Liege and FC Liege produced 30,000 as well.

Last season Standard were the best supported club with an average of 20,000 while Anderlecht drew 18,000 and RWD Molenbeek the champions 15,000. FC Bruges also averaged 15,000; Beerschot 14,000; Antwerp 12,000; FC Liege 11,000; Charleroi 11,000 and Beringen 10,000.

It took a goal from ever reliable Raoul Lambert to beat Iceland in the European Championship, but better form will need to be shown against the French to qualify for the last eight.

PORTUGAL

BENEFICA's new look outfit came back from their tour of Australia with an unbeaten record in four matches, one of which was drawn. They scored eight goals and conceded three. Nene and Molnhos scored three each and Vitor Baptista two.

But none of this helped in their first League game of the season which saw Boavista hold them at Estoril to a goal-less draw.

With so many departures from last season, Benfica will be looking to several new faces to provide the sparkle. Rosseu a forward from Guimaraes, Nelinho a striker from a Spanish Second Division club and yet another "new Eusebio" Cavungi (18) are being hailed as the new hopes.

Messias has taken over the centre-half role held by Humberton Coelho and Toni is the new captain. Naturally there are other old favourites still with the club like goalkeeper Jose Henrique, full-backs Malta da Silva and Artur plus midfield player Vitor Martins.

Yet after two matches the only two 100% teams in the First Division are CUF Barreiro and Braga!

ITALY

MOST OF the excitement in the early days of the season has concerned the battle for control of AC Milan which entered the courts. President Albino Biticchi refused to accept that he had agreed to sell controlling interest in the club to Gianni Rivera, but the former golden boy of Italian football seems to have won the battle.

In Rivera's absence from the start of the season, his No. 10 shirt was given to Albert Bigon. Rivera meantime has been training at Varese and seems certain to be a player-manager. He may have some sorting out to do when he assumes command.

Elsewhere the season has concerned itself with the cup competition with the 36 professional clubs of the First and Second Division split into seven groups less the holders Fiorentina given a bye until the final rounds which consists of two groups of four in each.

HOLLAND

NOTHING WHICH has happened in opening weeks of the season can lead to other firm conclusion than that Eindhoven, Feyenoord, Ajax and prob Twente will be the four clubs concerned i title race.

PSV Eindhoven, the champions, op with a 5-1 wind over MVV Maastricht be a crowd of 21,000. Harry Lubse (2), Rene der Kerkhof, Peter Dahlqvist and Willy der Kuylen were the scorers. Feyenoord at Utrecht on the same day winning narr by 2-1 thanks to goals by Steve Wegerle the penalty spot and Wim Jansen. attendance was 24,000. Over in Rotterd Sparta were taking an early point off Ajax 1-1 draw. Ajax only equalised two min from the end through Arno Steffenhagen German striker. Here the crowd was 18,

Twente who made a good start themse finally lost when PSV beat them 3-0 be 21,000. PSV played their first local derb the top division against FC Eindhoven, n promoted, before the same attendance won 5-1.

At Ajax, Rinus Michels has taken over f his predecessor Van Kraay. Only four of players he had when he left are still there: backs Wim Suurbier and Rudi Krol, cen back Barry Hulshoff and midfield pl Gerrie Muhren.

He was not too impressed with remainder of the side on his first view except for centre-forward Rudi Geels an was Geels who scored four times in the UE Cup against Glentoran in Ireland.

Feyenoord, however, slumped to their w performance in the same competition, lo 2-1 at home to Ipswich Town.

The national side after beating Finland with Van der Kuylen getting a hat-trick, w soundly beaten in Katowice by Poland w the same scoreline reflected. On performance and with Spanish exiles, Jo Cruyff and Johan Neeskens on duty, ther little chance of qualifying again for quarter-finals of the Europ Championship.

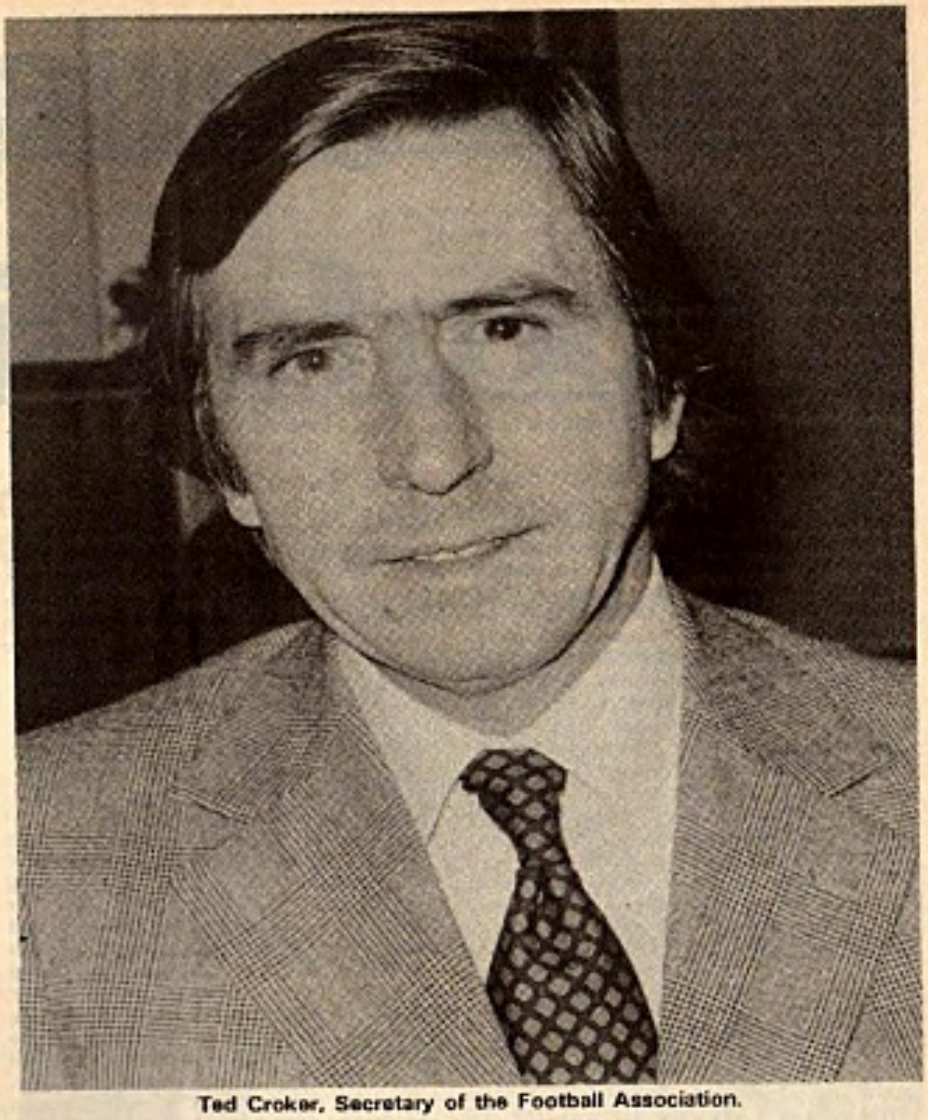
Apart from the loss of the rhythm wh made the team famous a year ago, the defe has completely fallen apart and the mark against the Poles at times bordered on juvenile.

Ken Goldman puts a series of questions to

TED CROKER

of the English Football Association

BRITISH PLAYERS BETTER IN SOME WAYS...



Ted Croker, Secretary of the Football Association.

Q. AS AN ex-player yourself were the players of your decade more skilful than today's?

A. The skills of football invariably mean to most people the actual ability to control the ball with the feet and British football is often criticised as being less capable in this department than many other Countries in the World.

In fact go far beyond this and there is no doubt that in other equally important skills such as tackling and heading British players are much better than others in the World.

It is in ball play that players today are so much better than 20 years ago primarily due to more sophisticated training methods. Whereas we seldom saw the ball during training a far more sensible view is taken now that the only way one can practise for a game such as football is with a football.

Q. Having mentioned training do you think we can brighten it up even more in any way?

A. During the Summer of 1974 I attended an interesting afternoon's football entertainment at the Bristol City Ground where in conjunction with Harlech television a competition along the lines of the B.B.C.'s "It's a knockout" brought together teams from Derby County, Wolves, Chelsea and Bristol City in a series of games designed to display the players' abilities.

This was non-competitive in that one team performed at a time and games were very cleverly devised and provided excellent entertainment.

Some of these games could be introduced into training sessions and anyone who had doubts about the ball playing abilities of English players when not under pressure would have been surprised to see the talents displayed on that afternoon.

Q. How important is Youth football in the futre development of English football?

A. With regard to the development of younger players, continuity is vitally important. We seem in this Country to produce a vast amount of very good youth players, most of whom somehow disappear before they reach the full International level.

It is accepted of course, that many will not make the grade, but, conversely, many who were not good enough at eighteen might prove to be late developers if given a chance.

Unfortunately most football league clubs seem reluctant to sign players over the age of 20 or 21 and much good talent is lost to the game. It is essential that we give more attention to this 18-21 age group.

Q. What is the progress on the intended National Coaching centre or football school as it is sometimes called?

A. Probably the biggest single step taken in coaching since the Scheme was first introduced has been the decision taken by the Football Association to establish a National Coaching centre.

Up to now a site has been obtained on land perched on the edge of Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire and the F.A. are launching a fund raising scheme to provide facilities such as five full-size pitches, a covered area half the size of a pitch, Halls of residence, a sports medicine centre and an all-weather pitch. To achieve this we will need at least four million pounds.

Q. Do you believe in professional referees?

A. I think it is time that the status of referees was improved and that a number of professional referees should be introduced. I have written about in in magazine articles and have advocated it at various referees' societies to whom I have talked, but it is of course an extensive subject for discourse and about which a considerable amount more could be written or spoken.

Managerial stru

of professional

THE "COACHING ARGUMENT" (World Soccer June/July 1975) is not just a debate concerning the differences between "football manager" and "football coach" but also one which should emphasise the substantial differences between the business firm (providing goods and services) and its managerial structure on the one hand and the football club, as a particular kind of business with its particular differences and quite different structure, on the other.

Public and private businesses have their shareholders and elected directors and these directors appoint a chairman and a managing director. The managing director, as chief executive, is particularly chosen for his business and managerial skills.

In the football club, the power structure in business decision making is usually very different from that in the public type of firm because this power so often resides with one individual. The authority of decision usually seems to revolve around the size of an individual's shareholding (e.g. Manchester United), but in some cases individuals speak for a group who hold a majority of shares (e.g. Manchester City).

Prestige

The shareholdings in a football club seem to be held rather more for prestige in the community than they do for the value of the return they give to their holders. The return, in respect of "publicity" value for the "real" business of the holder (he may be a hotel owner, a bookmaker, a scrap-metal merchant, an accountant or a solicitor) may, however, be "worth" the investment!

The boards of most of the best English football clubs are often so tightly controlled by one man who has been successful in a different area of business that there is a case for widening the shareholding to include managers and possibly coaches. This is not, however, likely to happen, not only because of the reluctance of existing shareholders, but also because there are probably less than a handful of British football managers who would feel 'at home' in such 'illustrious self-made' company. The future kind of managing director in football clubs is not likely to be a coach of the Clough or Allison type largely because such men are usually seen, by their directors and shareholders, as servants responsible for achieving success 'on the field'.

The football manager has a difficult job by any standards and it is certainly one which is conflict-centred since the local head of a transport undertaking (e.g. Sam Longson) is unlikely to ask his football manager questions which, to the manager/coach, are as perceptive as those he might ask of his own transport manager. At his "real" firm he was probably a driver, mechanic, traffic manager, buyer of capital equipment, etc. and with this detailed knowledge he could be said to "know" transport management from the grass roots.

Balance

The football managers known to me (employed or unemployed) have usually known of the existence of these forces and have tried to keep a balance between "looking upwards" and satisfying the butcher or solicitor, or "looking downwards" and satisfying the playing and training staff. In recent years, in Britain, there has been a rapid movement toward dividing the tasks (or creating a team) of manager and coach. In a series of different cases one has had the impression that the "old manager" has been "kicked upstairs". The impression has been created that the coash has the "real" job to do and the manager can widen the scope and look in more detail at the whole of the picture (scouting, opponent assessment, new player acquisition etc.). This impression is one which has, in my view, a much wider interpretation and there is a particular nettle to be grasped which I think is being shied away from!

Education

I believe, for example, that Ron Greenwood should have been in line for the Managing Director's job, and not the General Manager's job, at West Ham Football Club Limited! I believe that, instead of appearing to "kick" Joe Mercer upstairs, there should have been a positive programme of training and education so that he could have graduated to the managing director's role and be promoted rather than appear to be demoted.

David Mackay is now about forty and with a first division title under his belt he is a successful manager of a successful club. He was a distinguished player and he faces the immediate future with a broad smile. From time to time, people in my own position in a Business School, are asked to give career guidance or act as a consultant to various business managers who have a range of alternatives from which to choose. In such a capacity, what would such a consultant say to Mr. Mackay?

One alternative is "make your pile" you are at the top, invest it wisely and night-school to learn about "orchids" spend your most "experienced" and years in greenhouses and gardens. A s alternative is "not to push your luck strongly", keep your nose clean, keep you open for a good young coach and "hang keeping a fine balance between your "ow and the coach, but be prepared to sac coach after four successive defeats!! involves the well known practice of "ke the coach busy", preventing him municating to the "owner" except thr your presence and praising him to his fac telling the board how impetuous he is bu that he is learning!

Fortunes

Many people outside this wonderful and interesting business will have obs the pressures on players and will have the contrasting fortunes of coach manager. Amongst some of the middle cl and the so-called 'educated' classes there kind of "snobbery" which makes cri rugby and hockey acceptable, and our skilful, interesting and attractive something more associateable with boo bunny girls and unseemly night-life. look upon the intervention of the occas Oxford Blue (Peter Suddaby) and Redbrick (e.g. Steve Heighway) counterp as exceptions that prove the rule. "m talks", they say, and they ask "what educational profession is coming to?"

Argument

Whilst we debate the argument of coac versus the "leave the players to it" appro or management versus "action only in cri we are failing to focus on the central is because the present dichotomies of between, say the F.A's director of coac and the various "fly it by the seat of pants" managers, are part of an age amateur versus "pro" view coupled structural and personal imperfections at club, shareholder, director and managen levels.

At a time when business schools management centres are beginning to loo business in a more practical kind of way, t is a clear need for the Professional Footba Association and the Football Lea Managers and Secretaries Association

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by GRAHAM EDWARDS

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As a player he was brought up in the amateur tradition and played as a teenager in the Isthmian League with Woking and Ilford but failed to make the grade at Portsmouth Football Club. He was a BAOR Army and Combined Services player who subsequently turned professional with VVV in 1959 and played in their most successful spell in the Dutch first division when they finished third behind Ajax and Feyenoord.

He returned to England in 1961 to study management at Manchester University and he briefly joined Oldham Athletic before spending ten years as a Cheshire League player with Altrincham and Northwich Vics. He is manager/coach of a Cheshire League team and works with Roy Rees as a coach in English University soccer.

His university research is in production management and he has written a book and many papers in the field of small group production systems. He is Chairman of a firm of management consultants and an engineering company which has developed the new 'TRANTOR' motor vehicle.

consider, with the Football Association and Football League, the way in which the following can be reviewed and discussed:

1. The rules relating to shareholding in football clubs.

2. The role of the non-executive director who may, like in the public company, be invited to join the board to observe the way in which funds or loans are used. (This is particularly important when F.A. loans or bank loans or 'levys' are provided to clubs through the Football League from Pools Promoters).

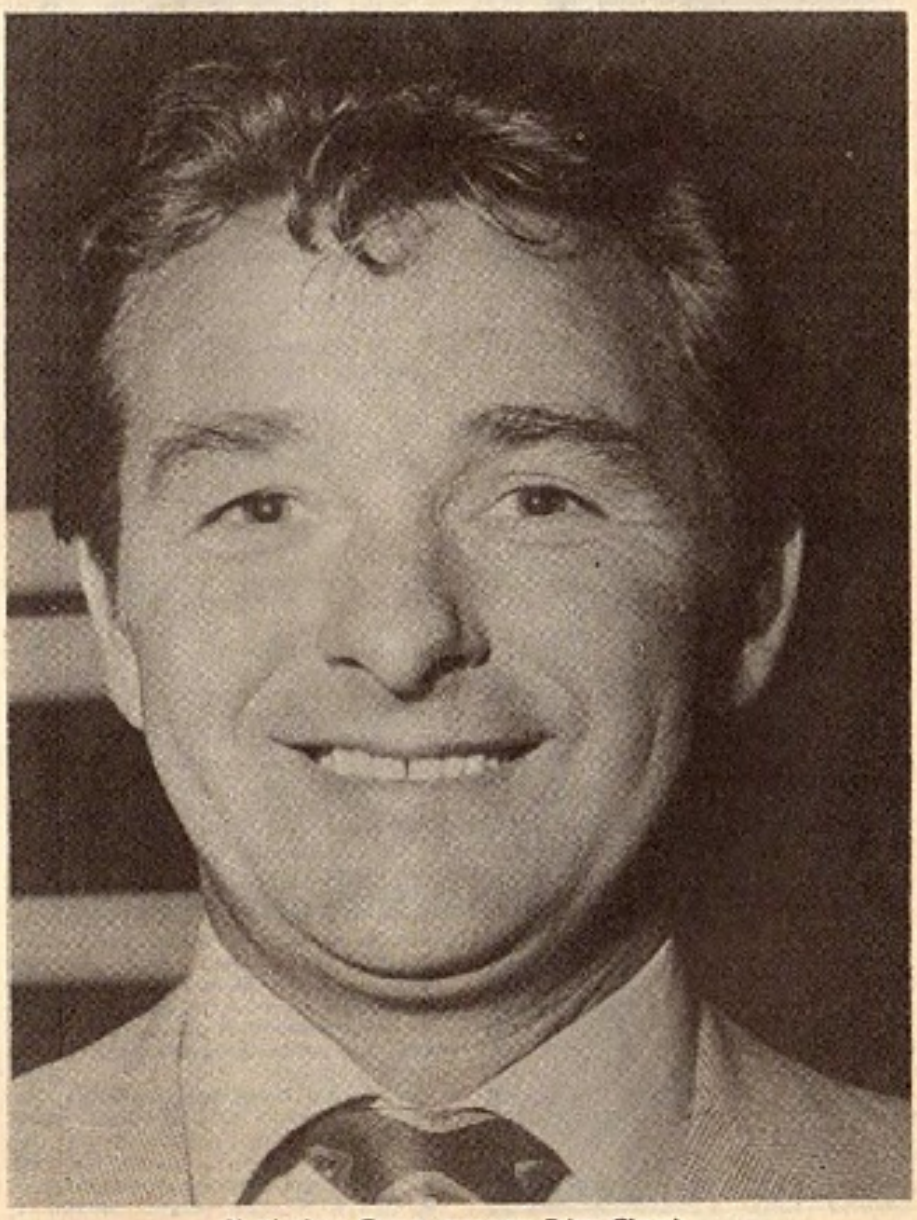
3. The role of the manager as managing director. How can he be trained to develop to this new job?

4. The involvement of the Minister for Sport and his representatives. (How can Government be expected to provide funds when so much wastage seems to take place?)

5. The role of the sponsor as an 'investor' in the business of football. The club sponsor, the competition sponsor and the agent of the professional player.

6. Education for players, coaches and managers inside and outside soccer.

These are some of the questions that need, in my view, to be dealt with by those who are concerned as to the development of this great game and interesting but medieval business in which the "slaves" are now the coaches and managers and the players are being encouraged, by the system, to take, take, take while the going is good. Under present circumstances there are few close to the game who would blame them, but I know I am not alone in requesting a rather more fundamental examination of what the business of football is about.



Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough.

GOOD CROW
OF GOALS I

West German newsletter compiled by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Uli Hoeness.

THE NEW season in West Germany began with several surprising results which promise another exciting championship campaign. The fans must have anticipated this turn of events, for they streamed into the grounds on the opening day in highly encouraging numbers. 60,000 came to see Hertha Berlin v FC Cologne (2-1); 54,500 relished the rich fare provided in Hanover's high scoring draw with champions Borussia Mönchengladbach (3-3), whilst 53,000 witnessed in Hamburg the demise of Schalke (4-1).

This pattern was repeated in the subsequent rounds. By way of an example, the highest gates in the *Bundesliga* remain bigger than those in England, while the lowest attendances are also lower, thus accounting for the fact that the English First Division (second in Europe only to the Italian League) draws on average more spectators than the *Bundesliga*.

The players did not disappoint the masses for they scored 32 goals in nine games on the first day and followed up with 37 on the second. This in fact was the highest total for the opening two rounds ever recorded! Which is only to be expected, since the *Bundesliga* boasts the highest goal ratio in Europe. Just like the season before, the Germans again led the European Leagues with an average of 3.45 goals per match, England's First Division were incidentally trailing in 19th place with 2.63 goals per game.

Suspension

Like at the start in the Football League, a number of players were missing here too, though not through suspension, but injury. Champions Borussia Mg. began without their international defender Rainer Bonhof, but showed in the first few games that they must be favoured to retain their title. New coach Udo Lattek has sensibly refrained from trying to change Borussia's methods, which after all have been instrumental in their run of success, and is carrying on the fine work of his predecessor Hennes Weisweiler.

The European Cup holders Bayern Munich suffered from further injuries when next to Andersson, Hansen and Hoeness their chief striker Gerd Muller had to miss the opening matches due to a troublesome muscle strain. But there was jubilation in their ranks when highly popular goalkeeper Sepp Maier won the coveted award of "Player of the Year", presented annually by the country's largest and most influential sports paper *Kicker-Sportmaguzin*.

As I write, Bayern are preparing for the two-legged clash with Russia's cracks Dynamo Kiev, the holders of the Cup Winners' Cup, for the so called "Super Cup" trophy. The first leg was due on September 9 in Munich, with the return scheduled for October 9 in Kiev. But the German club has declined to play Independiente of A for the unofficial world club champ allegedly because of shortage of fre

With four reserves Bayern were fort draw 1-1 with the vastly improved E Brunswick at the start, in their home but they improved to win away promoted Karsruhe 2-1, then s Werder Bremen by 4-0, thanks to two the recovered Muller to take over at But then came a 1-2 defeat ver promoted Bayer Uerdingen, be remarkable 5-0 home win over Düsseldorf, with two goals from Beckenbauer!

Capacity

Karlsruhe, who opened with a sen 2-0 away triumph against cup Eintracht Frankfurt, had to return th of Marks to disappointed customers, visit of Bayern attracted a capacity c 46,000 at the Wildparkstadion.

There are great expectations Hamburg, who on the first day sh Schalke by 4-1. The arrival of the A international schemer Hans Ettmaye Stuttgart) and the former Ajax *libero* Blankenburg has caused such a w excitement and anticipation among th that 8,000 of them turned up just t training session!

After the 53,000 gate v Schalke, Han second home match against the cha Borussia Mg. pulled into Volksparkstadion a full house of Schalke's new manager, the contro Max Merkel, was incidentally so ups the 1-4 crash, that he refused to atte customary after match Press conferen asked the journalists to come to him wanted to hear his views!

Changes

Merkel is one of five new coaches *Bundesliga* this season, the others Borussia Mönchengladbach's boss Lattek, Fortuna Düsselfoef's Sepp Pi Rotweiss Essen's Ivica Horvat and W Bremen's Herbert Burdenski.

Despite the managerial changes transfer market was the quietest for time. In fact only twelve players moved the *Bundesliga* and none for any signif large amount, certainly not anywhere ne internal German record of £140,000. German Press comments the clubs are p for their sensible approach to the eco problems and obvious desire to end, or a curtail, the often ridiculously inflated tr

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fees, which only in rare cases appear to be justified.

The latest assessment by the *Kicker-Sportmagazin* of the country's top footballers, published half-yearly, once again spotlighted the modesty of its commentators.

Only three German players were voted as "world class". Keeper Maier, defender Berti Vogts and national skipper Franz Beckenbaur. Into the category "international class the jury included: goalkeepers Wolfgang Kleff (Borussia Mg.), Rudi Kargus (Hamburger SV) and Bernd Franke (E. Brunswick); defenders Rainer Bonhof (Borussia Mg.), Uwe Kliemann (Hertha Berlin), Karl-Heinz Korbel (E. Frankfurt); midfielders Herbert Wimmer (Borussia Mg.), Herbert Neumann (Cologne), Wolfgang Overath (Cologne), Jurgen Grabowski (E. Frankfurt) and striker Jupp Heynckes (Borussia Mg.).

National manager Helmut Schon may, or may not agree with these selections, but when he picked the first squad of the season, for the friendly against Austria, he chose three uncapped players none of whom was included in the above line up: Uli Stielike 20, (Borussia Mg.) who is still an amateur and in whom many see the successor to Beckenbaur as a *libero*: Manfred Kaltz 22 (Hamburger SV) a brilliant right full bak and striker Bernd Gerssdorff 28, (Eintracht Brunswick), a prolific scorer and the main force behind Eintracht's current rise to strength.

Position

His inclusion was in a way an ironical twist, when one recalls that he once played for Bayern Munich next to the great Gerd Muller and didn't really hit it off, so that Bayern sold him to Brunswick. Now, Gerssdorff is expected to step into the centre forward position in the national side vacated voluntarily by Muller!

In addition Schon also selected Gerd Zimmermann 25 (Düsseldorf), for the B-international v Austria, which was played a day earlier at Augsburg and which the Germans won by 2-0. But Zimmermann didn't get a game for he was summoned to join the first team squad in Vienna, where he was also left out!

But there, a most spectacular entry into international football was staged by Ferdinand Keller, the striker of 1860 Munich, from the Second Division. Keller played for the B-team and scored a goal, but was pulled off by Schon after 58 minutes. Next day he too was ordered to Vienna where he came on as a substitute in the 70th minute (for Wimmer) for his full international debut!

In this match the Germans used altogether four newcomers, as Kaltz, Stielike and Gerssforff also celebrated their first full caps.

Bernd Holzenbein.

Before a full house of 72,000 at the Prater stadium Germany won 2-0. Both goals were scored by Erich Beer (Hertha Berlin), who came on at half time to replace Franz Beckenbauer who had injured his heel.

Of the new boys Kaltz and Stielike played brilliantly and could have secured their places for the coming internationals. A big disappointment was Gerssdorff, who never reached his club form and is clearly not the answer to the pressing centre forward problem.

The judgement on Keller must be reserved, for after all he played an hour in one game, then 20 minutes in another — both inside 24 hours, crammed with travelling, training with different team mates and excitement of his first "double" representative honours!

So problems remain for Helmut Schon up front, whilst in midfield and at the back — where Danner who substituted for the injured Schwarzenbeck after 26 minutes had a great game — the German chief now appears to have an abundance of talent.

VAN HIMST

Keir Radnedge's story continued from page 13

FOR ALL Anderlecht's dominance in Belgium during 1964-68 they still failed where it would most have mattered — in Europe. All they did was maintain their reputation as an excellent group of artists, but lacking any real backbone. And van Himst's personal reputation fluctuated too.

In 1964-65 they demurred once again to Britain in the shape of Liverpool. In 1966 they made the quarter finals, only to find Real Madrid on their way to the title and hell-bent on revenge for 1962 at any price. In 1966-67 Dukla Prague beat them in the second round and at the same stage the following year another Czechoslovak side, Sparta, repeated the cruel trick. In 1968-69 Anderlecht's defeat was again "made in England" and — as in 1956 — by Manchester United. This time at least, they only went down 3-0 in Manchester!

In 1969-70 van Himst and Co came their nearest to glory, in the Fairs Cup. Norberto Hoffling was now the manager and van Himst was in great form. He "practised" with four goals against Valur Reykjavik in the first round. Cokraine went next, and in the third round, Dunfermline.

In the quarter finals they surprised even themselves by beating the English holders, Newcastle United, on away goals. And yet, after beating Internazionale they went down at the very last hurdle. Their victors, of course, had to be English. This time, Arsenal. Anderlecht won 3-1 at home, went down 3-0 at Highbury.

Justice

It's never been the same since. Victoria Setubal put them out the following year and Bologna the year after in the first UEFA Cup. And that was some sort of justice for the Italians, beaten by Anderlecht on the toss of a coin in the 1963-64 Champions' Cup.

More managers had come and gone by the time Anderlecht regained the Belgian championship in 1972. In 1969 Sinibaldi had returned — selling off ex-Feyenoord winger Gerard Bergholtz to Racing White and Devrindt — only to be sacked at the end of 1970-71 in favour of West German Georg Kessler, formerly coach to Sparta Rotterdam and the Dutch national team. He had his own ideas on how best to revitalise Anderlecht.

He brought in midfielder Jan Verheyen and strongman Jean Dockx and — best of all — swapped Puis for the Bruges left winger Rob Rensenbrink, a Dutchman who began his career in Amsterdam with DWS.

Kessler it was who steered Anderlecht to the 1972 Belgian Cup and League double and van Himst it was who, in the final against Standard, coolly took up a pass from Dockx to easily beat Christian Piot.

Again they were in the Champions' Cup; again a Czechoslovak side just as soon put them out. Spartak Trnava this time were the culprits, winning both legs 1-0. What would have happened if Rensenbrink hadn't turned down his usual job of penalty taker, watching in horror as van Himst then proceeded to miss the kick?

Van Himst missed a penalty in a league game soon after. Rensenbrink imitated him later in the match, and Kessler was dismissed in mid season, at about the time van Himst equalled the great Rik Coppens's record of 217 league goals.

Ironically van Himst did it in defeat — 2-1 to Berchem. The Cup was theirs again though. Two goals from another former Feyenoord man, Hungarian exile Attila Ladinski, beat Standard 2-1. And this despite losing Heylans after only three minutes with a broken leg and seeing Rensenbrink miss yet another penalty.

Urbain Braems, from Antwerp, took over as coach, van Himst celebrated his 400th league game in a 5-1 win against Beringen and his 500th game for Anderlecht (404 league — 45 Cup — 32 Champions' Cup — 1 Cup-winners' Cup — 18 Fairs/UEFA Cups) in a 0-0 draw with Malines. At the end of it all, Anderlecht were back as Belgian champions 1974, their European dreams having been shattered in the first round of the Cup-winners' Cup, Zurich beating them on away goals.

Landmark

Early this last season van Himst passed another landmark — his 80th international cap, against France. But his *Diables Rouges* career hadn't been without plenty of pitfalls. In 1968 Anderlecht pulled all their men out of the international squad after some bitter criticism of Vanden Stock — also national team overlord — by bitter rivals Standard Liege.

Their quarrel was patched up in time for Belgium to overcome Spain in some rugged matches and get to Mexico, but here again fortune didn't smile on them.

They beat El Salvador 3-0, lost 4-1 to Russia and were than floored by the infamous "penalty which never was" which meant a 1-0 defeat by hosts Mexico and elimination. Manager Raymond Goethals, the former Daring Club goalkeeper and St Trond coach, who'd taken over from Arthur Ceuleers in 1966, came in for some heavy criticism. And so did skipper van Himst who readily admitted that he'd had a terrible time of it and never come anywhere near top form.

Van Himst's reaction to some of the Press and FA criticism was to tell Goethals that he had no wish to play any more for Belgium.

"I know very well that Goethals said in his report that I was finished as an international," said Van Himst later, trying to justify his decision. "If I'd been the star of the tournament, Goethals wouldn't have dared say so. He's put himself on the side of some of those newspapers and FA people who think I'm a handy scapegoat."

Goethals replied that he'd merely reported that van Himst had suffered a poor World Cup, which was no more nor less than the player had said. So why the fuss? Six months later they'd made their peace and van Himst was welcomed back to captain Belgium on home ground, to third place in the 1972 European Championship. They did well, too, beating Italy in the quarter finals, and [illegible]ing down 2-1 to West Germany in the semi-finals. Van Himst scored a goal too in the 2-1 victory over Hungary which took them to their eventual placing.

[illegible]nternational controversy wasn't behind [illegible]m. The following season van Himst was picked for the Six against the Common Market newcomers, at Wembley. Helmut Schoen was team manager for the Six, but van Himst couldn't take the West German hegemony — Schoen together with Franz Beckenbauer and Gunter Netzer. When Schoen asked van Himst to go on as second half substitute the Belgian gave him a straight-to-the-point reply.

It seems unlikely that van Himst's international career is yet over. Both against France (2-1) and East Germany (0-0) in the European Championship games early last season he had to go off injured. But if Belgium make the last rounds, as seems likely, then there's no-one better equipped than van Himst to lead them — even if this past year has been a traumatic one.

In the Champions' Cup Anderlecht at last laid their Czechoslovak bogey, beating Slovan Bratislava, but going down in the quarter finals to Leeds after a 5-1, 0-3 victory over Olympiakos.

They started well in the league. Rensenbrink hit five goals in the first six matches, Francois van der Elst nine in nine — including five in a 6-2 win over Ostende. But then came trouble — two points from four games, unsettling rumours about dressing room dissension and an outburst from Rensenbrink in protest at the quantity of vitamin pills and injections the players had to put up with.

Van der Elst and Ladinski were both shaken up in separate car crashes, and Anderlecht's hopes of holding their title disappeared when a record 32,000 crowd paying a record £50,000 saw them go down 1-0 away to the all-conquering RWD Molenbeek — the fusion of Racing, White Star, Daring and Crossing, in short, all the hitterest rivals Anderlecht had ever had!

Gokeeper Jan Ruiter was hurt after only 3[illegible] minutes and the jittery form of his substitute, another Dutchman, Leen Barth, didn't improve the composure of his co-defenders.

Still, RWD's winner didn't arrive until six minutes from time, scored by Jacques Teughels. And the irony was that ten years ago Teughels was a junior with Anderlecht. They let him go because they thought he'd never make the grade.

Tarnished

He wasn't the only former Anderlecht man to do well with RWD. International left back Maurice Martens had gone to RWD the year before for a fine season which ended with him being named footballer of the year!

Feeling between the two clubs built up steadily as Molenbeek's attendances went up and Anderlecht's went down. To 9,000 one Sunday. Out of Europe, their Belgian crown tarnished, Braems was given notice. Hans Croon, a 39-year-old Dutchman who'd coached Lierse and Waregem, was primed to take over. Goethals left van Himst out of the Belgian team against Holland because "Paul's suffering badly with nerves at the moment".

The end of an illustrious career seemed clearly in sight in the midst of all this when Anderlecht set up a benefit match for van Himst, to celebrate his 15 years in the first team.

The match took place on March 6, Anderlecht against the Rest of the World. Anyone who was anyone was there. World champion cyclist Eddy Merckx, an old friend of van Himst though himself an RWD member and celebrity; another cyclist, Gaston Roelants; FIFA president Joao

Paul Van Himst (right) with ex-Anderlecht colleague Jan Ruiter.

Havelange; all the Belgian FA top brass; Pele, Eusebio, Cruyff . . .

Teams:

Anderlecht: Ruiter; van Binst, Bros, van den Daele, Thissen; van der Elst, Coeck; Lars Andersson, Ladinski, van Himst, Renzenbrink. Substitutes: Nicolaes, Denul, Verheyen, de Rolle.

Rest of the World: Tomaszewski (Piot); Rijsbergen, Heredia, Katalinski; Viera (Delkarb), van Hanegem; Amancio (Sotil), Eusebio (Rivera), Altafini (Babington), Pele (Jairzinho), Cruyff (Paulo Cesar).

Some team — and the reserves weren't bad either . . . Refereeing was Belgium's own Vital Loraux.

Havelange duly obliged the local Press with another of his boring "Argentina or bust" statements; van Himst was presented with his fourth footballer of the year award; and the result — as if it matters on these occasions — was 8-3 to Anderlecht. Van Himst led the way with a third-minute penalty after hands by Josip Katalinski.

Unique

Other scorers: Ladinski two, Nicolaes two, van der Elst, Andersson, Verheyen for Anderlecht; Altafini two and Paulo Cesar for the Rest. And Ruiter achieved what must be a unique distinction of saving penalties from both Pele and Eusebio within ten minutes of each other!

And that, most people expected, would be that. Van Himst would duly announce his retirement — go out on the crest of a wave of emotion — and give Anderlecht an opportunity to rebuild from scratch. Indeed, the very next day came the first whispers that Anderlecht wanted Arie Haan, then in dispute with Ajax.

Haan, of course, though he played sweeper in the World Cup, is essentially a midfield man and on April 12 it was announced that he had joined Anderlecht for £153,000. Vanden Stock had won a tug of war with Hamburg, who duly went back to Ajax for Horst Blankenburg.

Haan was happy with his three-year contract. He'd had two years left of his term at Ajax, but now he could look forward to a Belgian debut in the Cup semi-final and perhaps then a winners' medal.

First, however, the league had to be completed and before that was possible came van Himst's first bombshell. Remember that he had never known any other club, turning down huge offers from abroad to stay faithful to Anderlecht, where he felt so much at home.

Yet now he said: "I will finish this season with Anderlecht and then . . . I don't know. I want to play for another two years but I don't know whether it will be in Belgium or abroad. I could play abroad, I suppose, in France for example. But I'd rather stay in Belgium."

Why? Why? Why?

"Well I was badly shocked when Anderlecht took on Haan. He takes the same position as me. There is also Ludo Coeck, whom I think has a great future. I'm afraid I'd become a ghost here. They've asked me about playing again as a striker. But that's out of the question at my stage of career. Above all else I've always been a creator. I'd rather go with head high. I won't have any difficulty finding another club."

Agreement

Van Himst was asking a cool £150,000 for a two-year contract and offers came pouring in. Vander Stock has particularly asked van Himst not to go to any of Anderlecht's main rivals — Standard or, above all, RWD, the new champions. That was apparently an unwritten part of the agreement under which van Himst paid a reported £25,000 to buy his freedom from Anderlecht.

Of Anderlecht's condition, van Himst said: "I'll think about it." In 16 years with Anderlecht he played 455 league games, missing on an average, only one a season.

But before any transfer could go through the season was yet to finish. In the Cup semi-finals Anderlecht beat Diest 3-0 and on Sunday, June 1 beat Antwerp 1-0 in the Hyssel Stadium in the final. Haan played; so did van Himst. It was a last game too with Anderlecht for the man who scored the winner, former Liege international, Andre Denul.

A farewell, too, for Vital Loraux, who'd passed the FIFA age limit. Retirement for Loraux. But what next for van Himst?

Antwerp, Standard, France's Angers, and La Louviere — managed by former Anderlecht man Jean Cornelis — had put in their offers. RWD didn't even seem interested. They'd been linked instead with Feyenoord's Lex Schoenmaker and Offenbach's Erwin Kostedde.

Anderlecht, for their part, were deep in talks to set up a £340,000 deal to sign Huracan's Argentinian World Cup star, Rene Houseman. The van Himst *affaire* was forgotten.

Until, that is, incredibly, he announced blandly that he'd signed for RWD and was looking forward to another run in the Champions' Cup. Vanden Stock was livid.

Advantages

"Paul's making a big mistake and he could well regret it," was his acid comment. Van Himst himself appeared relieved to have found a new role. He'd had a long talk with Felix Week, the RWD coach who'd once been Anderlecht's goalkeeper. The two men had agreed that van Himst would have to earn his first team place on merit.

He wouldn't be the central figure any more; merely another member of the team. For van Himst the deal had the major advantages that he could stay in Brussels and his business interests would be unaffected.

Ideal. For everyone except Anderlecht, who risk losing a large chunk of their following to their inter-city rivals. Their new season began in their second homeland, Holland. In the Twente Enschede tournament they beat Ipswich 1-0, then went down 4-1 to their hosts in the final. RWD meanwhile travelled in the opposite direction, west, to France and a 1-1 warm up draw with Nantes. Van Himst? He was missing. Injured.

by KEIR RADNEDGE

DUST S TRANS

CALCIO'S SUMMER turmoil is drawing to a close. The dust is settling and it's at last becoming possible to make out which clubs have gained and lost on the transfer market swings and roundabouts.

Without doubt the biggest disappointment has been the performance — or lack of it — of champions Juventus. Jose Altafini, now 37, has announced that this will be his last season but little major work has been done to build the team into prospective Champions' Cup winners.

Massimo Piloni has gone to Pescara and Silvio Longobucco and Fernando Viola to Cagliari in exchange for 29-year-old former Inter and Vicenza forward, Sergio Gori. Juve have also picked up 21-year-old Marco Tardelli, a promising midfielder, from Como, who could take over from Giuseppe Furino.

Two signings only. Yet both upset one or other of the Milanese clubs. Tardelli, for example, had looked set for Inter, and Gori for Milan, though Inter had also been in the running.

Involved

The background was that Milan and Inter had been involved in a shady deals dispute over Varese's 23-year-old striker, Giacomo Libera. Milan claimed they'd make a deal with Varese last summer, Inter claimed they'd come to an agreement during the season.

Eventually the league stepped in and it was decided that Libera would go to Inter, who should pull out of the race for Gori and let him go to Milan. Gori, on the other hand, told Cagliari that he didn't see why he should be used as a pawn in the Milanese game. President Andrea Arrica agreed, reckoning he could make a better deal with Juventus. Which he did.

The big transfer sensation of course has been the £1.1 million deal taking Beppe Savoldi from Bologna to Napoli and Sergio Clerici the other way in part-exchange.

Savoldi, 28, joined Bologna from Atalanta in 1968 and has totalled 102 goals in 258 Serie A games. In fact he was perfectly happy at Bologna and wasn't over-enthusiastic at first about the switch.

"I've been sold like any old piece of merchandise," he complained, "just like a bicycle or a television set." But it wasn't long before the prospect of a realistic crack at the title and his new contract had slotted him into the groove followed by so many new men and he was promising at least 15 goals (Big deal!) to shoot Napoli to the championship.

Clerici, the 34-year-old Brazilian who came to Italy in 1960 to join Lecco, was none too pleased with the move and still isn't.

After Lecco he had spells with Bologna, Atalanta, Verona and Fiorentina before moving to Napoli in 1973 and had ex to finish his career there. Now he can't get back.

"I've told president Ferlaino," he "that after I've done my two year Bologna I'll come back to Napoli and p peanuts."

Bologna have other troubles. Coach Pesaolo survived the summer clear managers but might not last too l Bologna don't start too well — which is likely since they've lost their forward Four players have been sold (incl Savoldi) and Giacomo Bulgarelli has r

"Twenty years I've been here," said t year-old who scored seven goals in internationals, "yet no-one even said as as thank you."

Executive

Bulgarelli's moan came after he returned from a brief stint guesting i United States alongside Ferruccio Mazz a younger brother of Sandro — wit Hartford Bicentennials. Bridges seem to been repaired now though. In fact, it possible that Bulgarelli could become Bo president in the not-too-distant future, executive arm of Luciano Conti, preside the moment who is thinking of becc patron.

Calcio has been quite preoccupied American soccer this summer, abov because of the Giorgio Chinaglia af Lazio signed Chinaglia from Internape 1969 after he'd been thrown out by Swa and he scored 90 goals in 182 appearance was instrumental in taking Lazio to championship in 1974 and was one of best-paid of Italian footballers. He became club captain in the middle of season.

Squabbles

But he took plenty of stick as the slipped away, and with manager Tom Maestrelli falling ill and squabbles among players, life with Lazio lost much of its app At the end of the season he went to the S and played a one-off game for Hart against Poland. He was then asked to g during the summer for Cosmos, and see under the impression that Pele's new wanted to buy him.

Cosmos didn't. Lazio's price of £800, wasn't to their liking — and anyway, L didn't want to let Chinaglia go. Though player repeatedly announced his intenstion staying in New York because he "had to

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his family first" — his wife is American — Lazio didn't believe him. They sent three senior officials to New York to try to reason with him — without success.

An Italian newspaper published his address and asked for fans to write to Chinaglia, asking him to change his mind. They did so, by the thousand.

Twice he changed his telephone number to try to escape the persistent calls of inquisitive journalists. Finally he bought the back page of the *Corriere dello Sport* to announce — once and for all — his intenstion of never returning to Italy. He thanked the fans for their support in the past. But he made it clear that Lazio was now in the past. *Capitolo chiuso.*

A state of shock still prevails at Lazio where new coach Giulio Corsini — his only claim to fame was several years at full back for Roma — is hoping that he will find a new Chinaglia in either 26-year-old Giovanni Ferrari, from Serie B Avellino, or in 19-year-old newcomer Bruno Giordano.

Cloud

Chinaglia went out under another cloud too. In Italy's close-season visit to Finland and Russia he knocked down an Italian fan in the Moscow hotel where they were staying. Chinaglia had certainly been heavily provoked and insulted but the incident claimed more attention than might have been in case because it was the second punch of the tour.

Azzurri skipper Giacinto Facchetti had used the first to flatten an irate spectator who ran on to the pitch in the European Championship match in Helsinki which finished in a 1-0 win (Penalty by . . . Chinaglia). And, on the subject of Facchetti, we're back with Inter's problems, which is virtually where we started.

Luis Suarez was dismissed after one year as coach, bitterly blaming Mazzola and Facchetti for stirring up dressing room dissent and Beppe Chiapella, former international wing half dismissed in mid-season by Cagliari, took over. (Suarez went to Cagliari, replacing Chiapella's successor, Gigi Radice, who has taken over at Torino on the sacking of Edmondo Fabbri).

Facchetti wants to be Inter's *libero* again this season, but so does the promising 20-year-old Graziano Bini and at one stage Facchetti told president Ivanoe Fraizzoli that if he couldn't be *libero* he wanted a transfer. Bologna and Verona were both vaguely interested, but Fraizzoli put his foot down. Inter have enough problems without losing one of their senior men.

Verona, incidentally, after winning promotion in a season which included a bribes scandal and the kidnapping of their president, have taken on 56-year-old Ferruccio Valcareggi as coach.

George Chinaglia of Italy.

Valcareggi was Italian team manager from 1966 until the end of the last World Cup and continued on the FA payroll until this summer.

His Azzuri job was of course taken over by 69-year-old Fulvio Bernardini, who has now been kicked upstairs as "overlord" with the final word on team selection going to Enzo Bearzot, the 48-year-old former Inter and Torino wing half who had been in charge of the under-23s.

The FA's decision to upgrade Bernardini was received with derision in many quarters. With victories over Norway, the U.S. and Finland to show for a year in office, many thought Bernardini should have been forcibly retired. On the other hand at least the FA are keeping faith in their policy. Having appointed Bernardini last season it would have been stupidly illogical to get rid of him completely so soon.

Instead Bearzot has been phased in with a clear year to get the Azzuri in shape for the World Cup preliminaries. Azelio Vicini follows him as under-23 manager.

INTERESTING NEW IMPORTS

ANDRE DUCLOS reports from France

THE INFLUX of foreign stars has certainly given new life to our football, and perhaps shaped an interesting new challenge from the South coast to Saint Etienne. For no clubs have made more interesting and spectacular imports than Olympique Marseille and Nice, both of whom got away to a spectacular beginning.

Hector Yazalde, the Argentinian World Cup forward, has quickly shown that his achievements in Portugal were as substantial as they seemed. A couple of seasons ago, he scored no fewer than 46 goals for the Sporting Lisbon club. In only his second game for Marseille, who know all about goalscorers — Skiblar, Keita, Jairzinho — he got two out of three away to Lens, beaten 3-2, and had an outstanding game.

Yazalde, who got another 30 goals in Portugal last season, soon became aware that it was much harder to score them in France. It wasn't he said, that Portuguese football was poor, but that four or five teams ruled the roost, with the others nowhere. He found Marseille an easy place to settle in, "a city made for football," he called it, which reminded him of his native Buenos Aires.

Under suspension

He is 28 years old, and his contract with Marseille runs for four years. It is already quite clear that he is a far more disciplined figure than his two Brazilian predecessors there. Jairzinho is under suspension for butting a linesman, while it is in the apartment of Paulo Cesar, eternal revenant to Rio throughout his spell in France, that Yazalde now lives.

Jules Zvunka, the young Marseille manager and former defender, happily tells the story of how Yazalde one day turned up fifteen minutes late for training, and insisted when it was over that he be trained an extra quarter of an hour.

His team mates have responded warmly to him, including the young attacker Albert Emon, who was an unexpected choice for the French international party last August for the match against Real Madrid.

Young talent

Very polite about French football and its players, Yazalde says that the one thing which they lack is self-confidence, but qualifies even this by adding that when he played for Sporting against Saint Etienne in last season's European Cup, there was lack of belief in a Saint Etienne team which, he hopes, will now open the way to better things for Marseille and the rest.

Saint Etienne, meanwhile, seem to have discovered yet another fine young talent. Albert Emon was not the only new forward to be chosen for France against Real Madrid. Dominique Rocheteau, the 20-year-old Saint Etienne right winger, was also among those called up by Stefan Kovacs; whose successor, by the way, is due to be announced only this month: October.

Pierre Garonnaire may legitimately be said to have had more to do with the continued success of Saint Etienne over the years than anyone else.

Garonnaire it was who so shrewdly spotted the potential of Rocheteau when everybody else wrote him off. In season 1969/70, he was picked for a young footballers' competition, in Paris, and did so badly that he was ranked 22nd out of the whole 22. Garonnaire, however, liked the way he dribbled, the way he never let the ball run far from the foot, and he persuaded Saint Etienne to sign him.

They then had to convince Rocheteau *pere*, scion of a family which for generations has raised and sold oysters. The club persuaded him that they were the ideal setting in which young Dominique could

"Hector Yazalde has quickly show his achievements in Portugal were as substantial as they seemed"

continue to study physical education — he had no great penchan the raising of oysters — and the deed was done.

Not all, however, was after that to be plain sailing. A bad injury right knee, two seasons ago, menaced Dominique's career; but he is, as Leeds United will tell you, fully restored to effectiveness.

They will tell you because they will remember that he it was, in a season friendly game, who was their undoing, coming in as a subst after they held a 1-0 lead and were running the French Champ ragged. But Dominique actually scored with his right foot — somet he uses normally for standing on — and then added a second, be bewitching both crowd and defenders with his superb runs dribbles.

He is still a shy, modest boy, despite his talent and his good lo Roby Herbin, his manager, says he is trying to persuade him to keep head up when he dribbles. But his future seems an exhilarating

Hector Yazalde is busily learning French. Hugo Curioni, compatriot, has been in France much longer, but doesn't seem to l it at all. This does not stop Curioni, a dangerously effective cen forward, from banging in the goals. He scored 64 for Boca Junior Buenos Aires before he jointed Nantes, who last season lent hi Metz after he had already got ten for them. He did so well at Metz now they have bought him definitively. He forms a lively pair with Luxemburg international, Braun.

Lens, who were drawn against Home Farm, the Irish club, in the winners Cup — they themselves were runners-up in the Final to dominating Saint Etienne — are expecting more than ever this sea from the tall, blond, 25-year-old Daniel Leclercq, one of the m players who never quite managed to settle down at Marseille, wh stars do tend to come and go with a bewildering frequency.

A natural left footer and a fine passer of the ball, Leclercq is organiser of the Lens midfield. He of all people deserved to play in Cup winners Cup, since he had a magnificent Cup Final and sear deserved to end on the losing side. He loves, he says, to play aga foreign teams, because there is always something to learn from th And in his case, perhaps to teach.

News from Eire

by TONY REID

Shamrock face a critical season . . .

ONCE UPON a time their name was the most feared and respected in Eire football circles. When it came to winning trophies they cornered the market and fifty one of their players have been capped for the Eire international side in the past fifty years. The club I refer to are none other than the once mighty Shamrock Rovers, with the emphasis on once.

Now they face perhaps the most critical season in the clubs proud history as they struggle to regain the long lost glamour that was once associated with this world famous club. Over the past five years they have slipped further down the ladder and last season the ultimate indignity was witnessed when crowds of less than two and three hundred bothered to turn up at the clubs ground, Milltown, on several occasions.

Just eight years ago Rovers were in the middle of a record-breaking Eire cup run. They won the cup six years in a row, between 1964 and 1969. In 1967 they went to America and put on many fine displays in a soccer tournament in which they met sides from England and South America. Eire fans flocked in their thousands to watch the green-and-white hooped brigade in action whatever the venue or the competition. But how things, and times, have changed.

Defunct

Gone are the days when the Shamrocks could virtually scare the wits out of the opposition by simply hanging the club jerseys out to dry on washday. Now it's the opposition who are taking "the Hoops" to the cleaners, and how.

In the early days of the Eire League, back in the 1920's and then in the 1930's, only two sides Shelbourne and Bohemians, could ever be expected to give Rovers a good match and in latter years it was left to Cork Athletic and Cork Hibernians, along with the now defunct Drumcondra, to put a stop to the Shamrock march. Now almost any side, without undue difficulty, can take the honours in the match with the Milltown side.

Opinion

It is difficult to venture an opinion as to what has gone wrong. However, a significant contribution to the decline in the clubs fortunes was the change of club ownership which occured a few years back when the Cunningham family handed over the reins to the Kilcoyne family.

It led to an unsettled period while the new owners settled in. This was understandable as Louis Kilcoyne, the present Managing Director, took time to feel his way in what, for him, was an extremely onerous task.

But as time passed by and the club slipped further and further into mediocrity the patience of the Hoops fans began to run out. The time was when Rovers made the headlines if less than half of the available trophies evaded their grasp.

Now whole years began to slip by and the dust lay thick on the trophy sideboard. This was not the Shamrock Rovers we all knew, and worse still, well known personalities began to drift from the club to other sides as rumours of discontent within the club began to proliferate.

Last season things were no better as no progress was made in either League or Eire Cup, but a cruel stroke of luck prevented Rovers from making some headway when they were eliminated from the League Cup semi-final stage after the League ruled that full-back Eddie Miller was not properly signed up.

It took the players some time to recover from this terrible disappointment and it was reflected in the games immediately following their removal from the League Cup.

Louis Kilcoyne is a man of tremendous initiative and he has already made a huge contribution to Eire football in the few short years that he has been in the game. It was he who inspired, and stage-managed, the All-Ireland game against Brazil during the 1973/74 season.

He has also set the rest of the clubs a headline by converting part of the reserved terrace, and the ground behind it, into a modern club for Hoops supporters. This was something that should have been done by other clubs years ago.

Revenue

As a source of revenue it is essential, apart altogether from the consideration of the fans. Now the long-suffering Roverites are hoping that Louis will turn his many talents towards the team and inspire a much needed revival. It is now six years since the Cup was won and you would need to consult a Leslie Welch or a Roy Blackman to find out when the League title last reposed at Milltown! It was in fact exactly eleven years ago since the League pennant last flattered over the club headquarters.

To football fans that is a long time, but to Rovers fans it is an unforgiveable blot on this fine clubs record. And so say all of us!

Lansdowne Road, Dublin, the Eire national stadium.

Confusion for Atletico over naturalisation

by Keir Radnedge

ATLETICO MADRID, having confirmed Luis Aragones as coach for next season, found themselves in total confusion when it came to strengthening his first-team squad. For a long time there had been doubts about whether 24-year-old Ramon Heredia and 25-year-old Hugo Ayala, the one-time San Lorenzo stars, would go through the naturalisation procedure, even though they had been in Spain the necessary two years.

If they would, then Atletico would be free to sign two more foreigners. If not, then someone would have to go.

In the event both have decided to take up Spanish citizenship — though at the time of writing wrangling still goes on over each man's demand of a £50,000 (!) special bonus for doing so. Atletico's bid to bring in new blood has been ever more ill-fated however.

First they decided to follow neighbou Madrid and go bargain hunting in Germany. But once Rainer Bonhof, t year-old Borussia MG and Work midfielder and the flying Swede, 28-y Roland Sandberg (Kaiserlautern), ha refused they were stuck.

They tried to sign Portugal's Setubal winger Octavio. He preferred after becoming fed up at the time Aya Heredia were taking over decidi naturalisation. Then Paris St-Germain another 25-year-old, Benfica's Hu Coelho, from under Atletico's nose.

Snatched

Undeterred, general manager Martinez flew to South America via returning with the news that Atletico wa taking on Sporting Lisbon's 26-ye international (eight caps) Carlos Alhinh the 22-year-old San Cristobal (Brazil) s Jorge Luis Sena.

Alhinho everyone had heard of, a £47,000 and snatched from Zara clutches, he looked a top-class signing ideal replacement, after a ten-year searc the massive Argentiniaan Jorge Griffa, on the other hand, caused some contro He had joined San Cristobal from Flan at the start of the year, but no-one had of the club, let along the player! Luis f the flames by announcing also that would not be going straight into the first

Still, the fans are ready to be pa Atletico have done well with Brazilians. of course, was their greatest capture. men such as Jose Ufarte and Heraldo Be had learnered their soccer in Brazil.

Medical

And Sena had been recommened Ramiro, the former Atletico wing half, hi a Brazilian.

Then, just when it seemed everything w order, Alhinho failed his medical. It seem had two pins in his ankle after a fracture years ago while with Academica Coim Despite his fine form since for Sporting Portugal, Atletico decided they couldn't the risk.

The Portuguese were astounded. pointed out that Alhinho had never had more trouble with the injury, that indeo was with the pins in his ankle that he

Solil (centre) in action for Barcelona against Elche on the opening day of the new season in Spain.

established himself as an international. All to no avail. Alhinho goes back to Lisbon.

To add to Atletico's problems, 34-year-old club captain Adelardo Rodriguez announced that this still be his last season. To cheer their fans Atletico could do with a big, late signing. Maybe Luis Pereira, the 26-year-old Palmeiras centre back and Brazil World Cup star? Or maybe Alfredo Megido, the Gijon striker?

Not that Gijon themselves have got very far with their reinforcement plans. They tried to sign both Ricardo Bertoni and Ricardo Bochini from South American champions Independiente, with no success. Instead they've ended up with Rosario Central defender Mario Killer — fresh from Argentina's record 11-0 win over Venezuela in the South American Championship — and taken advantage of Estudiantes' visit to Spain to pay £80,000 for outside right Ruben Galletti.

Splash

Valencia made the biggest splash, paying Ajax £120,000 for 23-year-old Johnny Rep, but that left them problems with Salif Keita (Mali) and Kurt Jara (Austria). Manager Dragan Milosevic had barely extricated himself from the grip of his prospective next employers, Celik of Yugoslavia, before Keita was hammering on the door demanding to know whether he would have to make way for Rep.

If so, said Keita, then I'll want the full cash settlement for the two more years my contract has to run. In the event it's the 24-year-old Austian international, Jara (18 caps) who has gone — sold to MSV Duisburg for £20,000, about a third the price Valencia paid Wacker Innsbruck.

The other Valencia club, Levante, have sold to Espanol their Chilean star Carlos Caszely. He was in South America, preparing to play his first game for Chile since the ill-starred World Cup in which he was sent off against West Germany, when Espanol boss Jose Santamaria summoned him back to Spain for special extra training.

Espanol are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year, but I doubt whether they've done enough in the transfer market to guarantee some sort of title. Swedish 23-year-old Sanny Aslund has been sold to Werder Bremen, and his place up front will be taken by Celta de Vigo man Fernando Amado.

Espanol also have a new goalkeeper — Victor Marro, another fine player who despaired of ever ousting Bilbao's new captain, Jose Iribar. Iribar's previous deputy, Juan Antonio Deusto, has been sold to Hercules by relegated Malaga, whose new trainer is Milorad Pavic. He was Mijan Miljanic's predecessor at Red Star Belgrade, joining Malaga after successful spells with Standard Liege, Bilbao and Benfica.

A new manager also at Las Palmas, where Pierre Sinibaldi hands over to Paraguayan Heriberto Herrera, one-time Atletico Madrid stopper. Heriberto's greatest achievement was to take Juventus to the Italian title in 1967 after joining them virtually unknown from Elche. But he was in the wars last season after his fines system provoked a disastrous demonstration of player power at Atalanta.

Accommodate

Heriberto's first signing has been Carlos Manuel Morete, the 23-year-old whose goals helped lift River Plate to their first Argentinian title for 18 years. To accommodate him, Argentinian World Cup goalkeeper Daniel Carnevali is to become Spanish! In fact, Morete wasn't Las Palmas' first choice. They wanted Huracan's Miguel Angel Brindisi, now 24, to join that other World Cup star, Quique Wolff in midfield.

Brindisi had earlier been sought by Marseille, who asked the French league permission to take him on as an extra foreigner in the wake of the Jairzinho fiasco. The French league refused, but when Las Palmas joined the hunt, they found that Huracan had gone off the idea.

It's a case of "no change" at Barcelona. Hennes Weisweiler continues with the squad which Rinus Michels took over the hill. And they haven't made a particularly bright start to the new campaign. They looked at sixes and sevens in a 1-0 friendly win over Hercules, then flew to Amsterdam for a tournament there. First they lost 3-1 to Ajax — who, by the way, have decided to keep Gerrie Muhren — then beat Feyenoord on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the third place game (Ajax lost the final 5-2 to RWD Molenbeek).

At least Weisweiler has the advantage of Hugo Sotil, naturalised now, back alongside Johan Cruyff. He's also added a couple of youngsters to the squad in place of the rugged Gallego (sold to his original club, Sevilla) and 30-year-old former skipper Juan Carlos (who goes home to newly promoted Racing Santander). Santander have also signed Antal Kenderesi, one-time Vasas Budapest and Twente goalkeeper, but the Finnish star, Soumaleinen, took one look and decided that his family would be better off staying in Scandinavia.

One time

Another Hungarian on the move is Ferenc Puskas, lately of Murcia, who is reported to have accepted the post of joint director of soccer in Soudi Arabia along with Hector Rial rather than return to Greece with PAOK. Meanwhile their one-time Madrid ally, Alfredo di Stefano, is back in the capital as manager of little Rayo Vallecano.

How have the mighty fallen!

Finally, the rest of Spain has been humming with the usual summer tournaments. Penarol were the biggest attractions, with centre forward Fernando Morena still popping in the goals. He scored on cue as Penarol retained the Trofeo Teresa Herrera in La Coruna, beating Brazil's Cruzeiro on penalties after a 3-3 draw in the final.

Madrid took the opportunity of the tour to sign up the Uruguayan champions — old rivals of Real's — for the Amancio benefit match on September 3. And mention of Madrid reminds me of the last transfer to beat my deadline — Juan Sol, the Valencia and Spain right back, will, after all, be joining the champions for the European campaign.

Victory to England —praise for Swiss

SWITZERLAND'S NATIONAL side met England for the third time since 1971 and though it failed to win once more, the Swiss again received more lavish praise than their conquerors. Four years ago the Helvetians were beaten 3-2 in Basel by an own goal, conceded by Weibel, while already the first England goal scored in the very first minute by Hurst resulted from a late dive by the surprised goalkeeper who grabbed the ball inches over the line. A month later, at Wembley, with the score 1-1, Peter Meier, who had just come on as a substitute, shot at an open goal, but so weakly that Madeley was able to race back and stop the ball crossing the line! This would have given the Swiss a famous victory.

As on those two occasions, so this time too, following the friendly match which the Swiss lost 1-2 again in Basel, the English Press was, (at least its knowledgeable members!) extremely generous in their praise of Switzerland's performance. This remember was England's strongest line-up, there was no question of the team being less prepared than their part-time opponents and sure enough the hospitable Swiss presented England not just with one early goal but with two!

Impressed

Yet, showing remarkable fighting spirit and indeed a great deal of skill and composure, the Swiss pounded the English defence for an hour and were desperately unlucky not at least to draw. Only the notoriously bad finishing prevented them from deservedly squaring the match. Switzerland's successes were in midfield where Rene Botteron, the man who impressed England's manager Don Revie when he watched the Swiss last November, and Rene Hasler took the initiative away from the much boosted Francis, Currie and Bell. Up front Muller, Pfister and Jeandupeux using the wings, threatened time and again to overrun the strangely static English full backs.

Opponents

The disappointments for Switzerland lay almost exclusively in defence and that just in the first 20 minutes, when they showed too much respect before opponents who once again, on foreign soil, did not live up to their pre-match billing. But such is the power of propaganda which still precedes English teams, that even on their own ground it is still taking most Continental sides half an hour, or so, to realise that they can win! If the gallant Swiss had played with the same conviction at the start, as that which they displayed in the last full hour, when they had England on the run, they probably would now be hailing a great victory!

News from Switzerland by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Forget the absurd stories that England "were holding back", that the players did not try any variations at free kicks and throw-ins "because the Czech 'spies' were watching". It was known weeks beforehand that two Czech observers had officially applied for match tickets. So why did England go to Basel at all, if they wanted to conceal their best movements in this, their final trial? And did Keegan miss a penalty too, to deceive the Czechs? No, the truth is that England were outplayed in the last hour, and they knew it!

On the domestic front the League championship which began in mid-August promises a much closer race for the title than last year. Most clubs have been busy in the transfer market, so that no fewer than 92 players (!) have moved, including 16 former or current internationals.

Servette of Geneva tempted the national team's striker Kudi Muller back from Germany, where he starred for Hertha Berlin and also strenghtened the side with international stopper Lucio Bizzini (from CS Chenois) and the German Alfred Hussner, who was previously with Malinois in Belguim. Servette opened the pre-season battles brilliantly by defeating Basel 3-0 in the final of the Alpine Cup, in which four French and four Swiss teams have been taking part.

But the most spectacular transfer ha that of Karl Odermatt, one of the famous players Switzerland has produ the last decade. There have been different versions concerning his unex departure from Basel where he was bec an almost legendary figure. Oderma and in fact still has, nearly all his b interests, family and friends in Basel, he was apparently firmly rooted, decided to join Young Boys of Bern. Th likely explanation is that Basel wou consider offering him the post of as coach, which the Young Boys were pr to do. The immensely popular "Karl obviously set his heart on this caree therefore moved to Bern.

Career

Switzerland's reigning champion Zurich have also been seeking to replac departed international winger D Jeandupeux, who went to Bordeaux in to make a full-time professional career. are voices which claim that Zurich's over, but this was said a couple of yea and still the Zürcher outfit contin dominate the Swiss soccer scene.

The standard of football in the op matches has been reasonably high incredibly every fifth player in the Na League is now a foreigner! Among them former Fulham player John Conway, b of Eire international Jimmy, who has j Winterthur on a free transfer.

England captain Gerry Francis (left) with coach Bill Taylor and Denis Tueart

International microscope—WALES—by Eric Batty

GOOD RUN JUST NOW

WALES HAVE been playing international football since 1876 when they met Scotland but strangely are amongst the least experienced teams in the entire football world. Of their 321 full internationals played to date, no less than 260 have been against England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Rest of United Kingdom representative matches. This leaves only 61 matches played to date against "foreign" opposition.

In the early days Wales lost their first seven matches and then in 1881 managed a 1-0 win over England. Wales did it again a year later at Wrexham, winning 5-2 on that occasion but England extracted full revenge for that when they hammered Wales 9-1 before their own crowd in Cardiff in 1896.

Victories over England have come quite rarely, however, and though they have done well to draw a few times at Wembley they have yet to win there. Indeed the last time they won in England was way back in 1935 when Wales beat England 2-1 in Wolverhampton.

By a co-incidence I was present when Wales last beat England, 2-1 in Cardiff back in 1955 — and I doubt if I shall see them do it again. By and large I find the home international championships uninteresting and quite often give them a miss. But the battle of Ninian Park I recall very clearly.

I say battle because that is what it was. At one end of the pitch Alf Sherwood, the Cardiff City left back, had the task of marking Stan Matthews and his wing half Rou Paul, then with Manchester City did a good clogging job.

They never challenged alone, always jockeying off until the other was close at hand and went in together . . . and they wern't too particular about how they went in either!

At the other end another intriguing contest was going on. Here the principal characters were Trevor Ford, the old Swansea, Sunderland and Aston Villa centre forward, who ended his career in Holland with current Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven . . . and Bert Williams the classy Wolverhampton goalkeeper playing for England. The Welsh tactics were to break Williams and they succeeded to the extent that Williams was never again chosen to play for England.

Their basic idea was to hit every thing they got either long into the penalty area for Ford to chase and cross the ball high whenever they could.

Time after time Ford and Williams clashed in the air, Williams with both hands stretching to reach the ball leaving his entire body exposed to contact with Ford and it seemed clear to me that after half an hour Williams had had enough. No doubt feeling his bruises he began to go out with one eye on the ball and the other eye on Ford and inevitably he began to go out and miss.

It was from one such cross that Arsenal's Derek Tapscott headed Wales' first goal and Williams had a nightmare match. Cliff Jones scored the other goal but it was the dual assaults on Matthews and Williams that stands out in my memory.

All that was a long time ago, almost 22 years in fact, back in the days when charging goalkeepers was not only fashionable but permissible. Today's referees would have taken a very different view of Ford's approach to Williams and indeed goalkeepers have learned to look after themselves.

Anyone coming that game today would 'accidently' get punched in the face a couple of times when the 'keeper went out to punch high crosses away double fisted — one for the ball and the other for the bull.

	p	w	d	l	Goals f	Goals a
Austria	3	0	0	3	2	6
Belgium	2	1	0	1	6	4
Brazil	5	0	0	5	3	11
Chile	1	0	0	1	0	2
Czechoslovakia	4	1	0	3	2	6
Denmark	2	1	0	1	4	3
England	87	11	19	57	81	229
Finland	2	2	0	0	4	0
France	3	0	1	2	3	9
East Germany	4	1	0	3	7	8
West Germany	2	0	2	0	2	2
Greece	2	1	0	1	4	3
Hungary	7	3	2	2	11	10
Ireland, North	82	38	18	26	172	122
Ireland, Republic	1	1	0	0	3	2
Israel	2	2	0	0	4	0
Italy	3	0	0	3	2	9
Luxembourg	2	2	0	0	8	1
Mexico	2	0	1	1	2	3
Poland	2	1	0	1	2	3
Portugal	2	1	0	1	4	4
Rumania	2	0	1	1	0	2
Scotland	88	15	20	53	41	225
Spain	2	0	1	1	2	3
Sweden	1	0	1	0	0	0
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	3	6
United Kingdom	2	1	0	1	3	3
U.S.S.R.	2	1	0	1	3	3
Yugoslavia	2	0	0	2	3	8
Totals	321	84	66	171	381	687

In view of Wales' lack of real experience against foreign opposition it is not really surprising that they have qualified for the final stages of the World Cup only once. In 1958, with what was perhaps their best modern team of all including Jack Kelsey in goal, John Charles, Ivor Allchurch in midfield and Cliff Jones on the left wing they went to Sweden for the 1958 competition.

Even then they were lucky to get what amounted to a free pass into the last stages for in a group that included Czechoslovakia and East Germany, Wales finished second while the Czechs qualified. Then with the African countries boycotting Israel, Turkey and Indonesia also refused to play the Israelis who were thus qualified on paper without playing a game at all. FIFA decided to invited Wales as one of the European Group runners up to play Israel at home and away for a place in Sweden and Wales won both games 2-0.

In Sweden, Wales drew 1-1 with Hungary who two years before had seen almost their entire team flee the country and also drew 1-1 with Mexico and 0-0 with Sweden. Finally they ended up level on points with Hungary and won the group play off by 2-1 (another boring game which I saw) to reach the quarter finals.

There they met Brazil with Pele playing after starting the competition as a reserve and scoring the only goal with a header to put Wales out 1-0. So despite their inexperience, Wales at the first attempt reached the point at which England usually go out . . . 1966 when they were at home excepted.

First chance

In recent years Wales have benefitted enormously from the agreement which allows English born players of Scottish, Welsh or Irish fathers to choose which country to play for. As long as they haven't been capped by England as schoolboys or at Youth level, then an Englishman with a Welsh father can elect to play for Wales.

Inevitably this means that Wales get second choice with England having the first chance to cap them but many of the present Welsh team are in this category, Chelsea goalkeeper John Phillips to name just one.

With relatively few players to choose from the Welsh have done remarkably well in recent years. What appears to be a disadvantage turns into an advantage when the same set of players (more or less) are kept together for a few years and benefit from playing together over a period.

Thus John Roberts, Rod Thomas, John Mahoney, Terry Yorath, John Toshack and Leighton James form the backbone of the present team at Wales' disposal and a very useful team it is too. James, Thomas and Mahoney are my pick of the present crop but keeping more or less the same squad enables the players to knit themselves into a tight litte group that often does better than other countries who with more players to choose from, keep chopping and changing.

LEEDS AND THAT BAN... IT IS A LEGAL QUESTION

LEEDS UNITED, as you may know, are not the least resigned to their scandalous ban from European football. Jimmy Armfield, their pleasant and personable young manager, who succeeded in having it cut by a year when he went to Zurich last summer to appeal, intends to continue the battle. Since the ban, and the appeal against it, have generated a great deal of woolly minded emotionalism, and a certain amount of perverse flying in the face of facts, I should like to return to certain aspects of it.

The question, as I have stressed from the begining, is fundamentally a legal one. Is it legitimate to regard supporters as the agents of their chosen, favourite clubs? Nor is the question new. I raised it as long ago as 1972, when Rangers were banned from European competition after the disgraceful excesses by their fans at the Cupwinners Cup Final at Barcelona.

Manchester United fans being frisked by police outside the home of Queens Park Rangers.

No one is less kindly disposed to Glaswegian fans than I. Their invasion of London, every other year, is a nauseous occasion, bringing with it violence, drunkenness and brutality. It was said by some last May that the primitive hordes behaved better than had been expected; in which case God knows what was expected.

Plate glass was smashed in West End stores. Children were threatened and intimidated. The elderly and inoffensive Football Correspondent of *THE TIMES* was cruelly beaten up and robbed at King's Cross Station. No one was happier than I to see Scotland thrashed 5-1, simply because I had had, like so many other Londoners, a bellyful of those Glaswegian louts and toughs. (This, let it be said, does not alter the fact that England's victory was a flattering and deceptive one, assisted by inept goalkeeping and weak central defence).

Savages

Yet the fact remains that *in law*, Rangers' supporters cannot possibly be regarded as agents of the club. They have no official connection with them whatsoever, are not licenced by them, are not subject to their control. Precisely the same may be said about the supporters of Leeds United, many of whom behaved like savages in Paris.

There is no moral defence whatsoever to be made of their behaviour, though there are explanations and perhaps certain extenuations. But no court of law in the free world would ever accept the submission that they were acting as agents of the club which they follow.

It has been said, rather speciously, that clubs do bear responsibility in a moral sense, in so far as they sell scarves, rosettes, flags and the rest to their supporters, thus implicitly encouraging their behaviour. Such an argument would never for a moment stand up in a court of law, where the response would be, quite simply and damningly: "Prove it!"

On a moral basis, it still is thoroughly shaky and dubious. Quite clearly clubs want to engender support for themselves, and quite clearly they want, if they can, to sell their wares. But to move on from there to suggest that they are implicitly and by suggestion encouraging violence is dishonest. The

by BRIAN GLANVILLE

wearing of scarves and favours, the flourishing of flags and banners, has always been part of organised professional football, throughout the world.

In such countries as Argentina, there has, equally, always been a high incidence of violence among supporters. But until the last decade, violence in England, and in most of Europe was rare. A more violent society, a disaffected youth, is reflected in the violence of the football stadia, which supply a perfect excuse, focus and form for it. But the violence pre-exists; it is a free-floating phenomenon, which attaches itself where and how it can.

Were football to shut up shop, were clubs to discourage their supporters from manifesting their loyalty, the violence would simply find an outlet elsewhere. But in any case, the accusation is one of such sweeping scope that it involves not merely Leeds, but every professional football club in existence. Leeds, even if one accepted such a spurious charge, would be no more and no less guilty than any other major team.

Attitude

Such a charge, indeed, is scarcely worth serious consideration, and when parallels with Nazi Germany are dragged in, it becomes infantile. True, football managers such as Tommy Docherty of Manchester United have very properly been condemned and criticised for an over indulgent attitude to their more factious supporters, but so far as I know neither Docherty nor any other football manager ever wrote a book equivalent to *Mein Kampf*.

The essence of a football club is that its programme, its activities, is carried out not by its supporters but its players. The supporters' role is essentially secondary, however vital; even ultimately passive. This can scarcely be said of the pioneers of the Nazi movement though their violence may in time have become an obscene kind of spectator sport.

Cynicism

A more intelligent, though to my mind still wrong headed, argument which has been advanced is that Leeds have only paid the penalty for their years of gamesmanship and cynicism, that they have, in a sense, both lived and died by the sword. The argument was advanced by, among others, the old Hearts and Scotland left-half, Robert McCann.

Again, I cannot accept it, and my credentials here, I think, are particularly strong. For many years I was deeply enamoured of Leeds United and their ways, and frequently wrote as much. So much so, indeed, that Don Revie, then their manager, would greet me with a wry little smile and say: "Here he is; Leeds' greatest critic."

I am the last person to overrate the highly marginal role of the football journalist in football, but I think that the sheer weight, the steady persistence, of criticism of Leeds' attitude and tactics eventually led them to change. Indeed, I had the satisfaction, just over a year ago, of sitting around a BBC studio table with Don Revie and hearing him say, without a word of prompting, that yes, they had been negative, they had at times been ruthless. QED.

But that had nothing directly to do with the events at the Parc des Princes, and their sequel. Leeds were not punished by UEFA for their behaviour on the field, for any manifestation of cynicism, gamesmanship or violence (deplorable though Yorath's early foul on Andersson indeed was) but for the violence of their fans. As for these fans, their behaviour, by and large, had till that night been far from unblemished, but certainly less frighteningly nihilistic than those of Manchester United, and certainly no worse than that of the fans of a score of other clubs. So much for the theory that a harsh team had conditioned equally harsh, aggressive supporters.

One more fatuity remains to be dealt with, that the riot by these fans was not caused by the disgraceful refereeing of M. Kitajbdjian, merely because it took place only after Bayern and scored. It really should not take an IQ of any great distinction to realise that this was the very moment when they might be expected to run riot. They had seen their team denied two penalties, and what many neutral observers still feel was a good goal; but victory was still a probability. Then Bayern broke away and scored. It was the last straw.

UEFA, as usual, jumped in with both heavy feet (I should qualify that; in affairs such as the Solti Case, they have had to be heavily and repeatedly pushed). They condemned Leeds, in the first instance, without even allowing them to appear to put their case. When they did allow them to appear, they ineptly admitted that many new facts had been laid before them; as of course they would have been in the first place, had they allowed Leeds a say.

A sorry, shabby affair, then, not the last bewildering aspect of which is that despite awarding Kitajbdjian a mere two points out of a possible 20, UEFA (as in the Michas, Salonica case of 1973) failed to follow up with an investigation. Why should such a previously good referee be so cataclysmically and suddenly bad?

London train and bus crews went on unofficial strike the day Manchester United visited Queens Park Rangers.

SOUTH AMERICAN ROUND-UP

by ERIC WEIL

San Lorenzo's Hector Scotta scores one of his 32 goals which made him top scorer in the Argentina (Metropolitan) first division this season.

STRIKE IN ARGENTINA

BRAZIL, COLOMBIA and Peru were comfortably unbeaten winners of their respective groups and will join champions Uruguay (who had a bye) in the semi finals of the first South American (Nations) Championship to be held since 1967.

The uncertainty was in group one where both Brazil and Argentina did not field full national teams and where Argentine players went on strike during the week preceding the deciding match against Brazil. The latter's squad were waiting in Rosario (the Argentine provincial town where the match was due to be played), not knowing until the night before whether they were going to get a game or the points.

Both Argentina, represented by virtually a four-club selection from the province of Santa Fe, and Brazil, represented by the Minas Gerais State selection based on Cruzeiro, were, as expected, still too good for Venezuela who were taking part in the South American Championship for the first time. Argentina scored more goals against them (5-1 and 11-0 to Brazil's 4-0 and 6-0) and after Argentina had deservedly lost 2-1 to Brazil in Bello Horizonte they could still have gained a semi final place on goal average if they had beaten Brazil at home.

At Bello Horizonte, Argentina had started out as the better team, putting rival attacks off-side and counter-attacking well, but when Nelhino equalised Argentina's 11-minute score (Asad) after the half-hour, the Brazilians took command as Argentina gradually faded.

In the return match Argentina were the much better team, but it was Brazil's well-placed defence, in which World Cup star Luis Pereira shone, who saved them under almost constant pressure. Danibal scored Brazil's winner — the only goal — just on half-time in a fast break-away when goalkeeper Gatti came out too far — a common fault of his.

Argentina's team, drawn mostly from four Santa Fe First Division clubs — Union, Colon, Rosario Central and Newell's Old Boys — included, like Brazil, only one World Cup player, Rosario's Mario Kempes. The decision to field provincial selections had been taken by both countries quite some time ago — but in any case, Argentina might have had difficulties in putting out a full national team.

The First Division championship was not suspended during the South American Championship games and when coach Luis Menotti picked a full national team to play against Uruguay for an annual cup in a "warm up" game two weeks earlier, big clubs River Plate and Boca Juniors would not release their chosen two and four players respectively because they were both still in the title fight.

Punishment

The Argentine FA eventually fined the two clubs two million pesos each and coach Menotti promptly resigned as he thought the punishment was too light and because the players got off free (although it wasn't really their fault). Menotti was coaxed back by the FA's promise to pass legislation forcing clubs to release their players under the threat of heavier punishment. But the whole matter could have been avoided if the league championship had been suspended.

The trouble came in group three where Colombia finished with all four matches won after being awarded the points from their match in Paraguay which was suspended at half-time when they were leading 1-0.

Colombia's goal, five minutes from the break, brought angry reaction from the Paraguayan players and caused a free for all among the players after the half-time whistle went. Following somewhat rough police intervention (players were hit and injured) the referee decided to suspend the match.

But it was closer than the final standings suggest. Colombia won the home leg against Paraguay by 1-0 with a goal five minutes from the end, showing no real superiority and a weak attack.

In group two, Bolivia, playing home games in Oruro and favoured by the altitude, beat Chile 2-1 but lost 1-0 to Peru after attacking constantly. Winger Ramirez scored Peru's goal in a counter-attack and that virtually made their group winners although they had already become favourites after the first match which they managed to draw 1-1 in Chile.

One of the points up for discussion at the September meeting (in Bolivia) of the South American Football Confederation was that future South American Championships could be used as eliminators for the World Cup. Brazil is known to be opposed to the idea — but it would make the South American Championship more important and avoid the fielding of below full strength teams as Argentina and Brazil did this time.

River Plate joy

RARELY HAS a soccer title been celebrated so much in Argentina as the 1975 First Division championship won by River Plate. A week after the event — as I write — numerous cars with River Plate colours flying were still racing through town tooting their horns loudly. Their final match against Racing Club had to be suspended at half-time when the field was taken over by thousands of jubilant fans. The usual number of tickets were sold for the match, but most of the 80,000 River Plate membership decided to turn up too.

Flags, posters, photos, hats, hankerchiefs, etc., in the red and white River Plate colours are being sold in such numbers that it makes one wonder how many businesses would have gone broke if River Plate hadn't won the title in the end . . . and it was a close thing.

It had been almost 18 years of frustration during which River Plate had been second eleven times — the longest time a major club had ever gone without a title — but this year's was their thirteenth since the 1931 start of professional soccer in Argentina and it put them ahead again of eternal rivals Boca Juniors who have won 12. (Other First Division titles have been won by Independiente 8, San Lorenzo 6, Racing 6, Rosario Central 2 and Estudiantes de La Plata, Velez Sarsfield, Chacarita Juniors, Huracan and Newell's Old Boys one each.

River Plate (who won in 1932-36-37-41-42-45-47-52-53-55-56-57-75) also have the best record in professional soccer as they have been vice-champs 17 times (against Boca's seven), meaning they finished in the top two places of 30 of the 35 championships so far.

Coach

Their lean spell started when they began relying more on big transfer deals than on home grown players. Early this year they hit the headlines again with the biggest buying spree on the insistence of their former international insider, Angel Labruna, who had played in the team which won the last title in 1957 and whom they brought back for the third time as coach.

With a "now or never" attitude, River Plate bought Comelles, Artico and Reinaldi from strong Cordoba clubs, Argentine World Cup captain Perfumo (who was playing in Brazil), Bareiro from Paraguay, Gonzalez (who was playing in Peru) and mid-field star Raimondo (in a much commented exhange with goalkeeper Perez) from Independiente for over 500 million pesos — only about £250,000 at the exchange rate at the time, but a lot for the local market.

It worked. Not only did the team play attractive soccer, pull in the fans (plus 23,000 new members), increase interest and attendances all round, but they finished the first round with a record eight-point lead.

But they slipped in the second half. After taking 34 points out of a possible 38 in 19 first round matches, they could only manage 21 in the return games, while rivals Boca Juniors went through 19 matches unbeaten and after being 16 points behind River at one stage, they pulled to within three.

The jinx seemed to have taken over again. Some desperate officials made serious and irresponsible charges against referees as yet another title seemed to be slipping away. Key man Alonso's suspension didn't help and only when he came back to score both goals in the 2-0 defeat of San Lorenzo (which ended a spell of one point from four matches) did River Plate fans breathe more easily.

With one win away from the title, the outcome was delayed for 10 days while Argentina played a South American Championship home match. Then another danger — a players strike which left everything in the air. The FA ordered matches to be played with junior amateur teams and there was no telling what would happen. River just made it in their next-to-last match when their juniors beat the youngsters of Argentinos Juniors 1-0.

Only defender Perfumo of River's big "buys" proved his worth by pulling together a weakish defence, but it was the home-grown players such as halves Alonso and Lopez, top scorer Morete (24 goals) and goalkeeper Fillol (bought from Racing two seasons earlier) who were the pillars of the champion team . . . and in the end it was a bunch of young amateurs who won the title for River Plate, after 18 years of big transfer deals, when they got the vital points against Argentinos Juniors while the professionals were on strike.

Points

For that match the First Division gate record was broken — 420 million pesos (£42,000) — and spivs were re-selling tickets for ten times their value with seats going at £25.

As for the other clubs, they also had their ups and downs and while other leading teams fell over each other to chase River Plate (taking points off each other which helped River to stay ahead in spite of their second half decline) Huracan's final spate of eight wins and a draw — they are playing some of the most technical soccer now with World Cup stars Brindisi and Houseman back to their best — took them to second place.

While River Plate went for all-out attack, other clubs relied on defence and counter-attack as their main weapon. The soccer was generally poor, but the goals came — at the rate of almost four a match.

Outstanding were the performances of Santa Fe club Union which was promoted this year, bought a completely new team and hit it off under well-known coach Juan Carlos Lorenzo to stay second for most of the season and First Division top scorer Hector Scotta who scored 32 of San Lorenzo's 56 goals with a little help from his ailing team.

A few weeks before the end the Argentine FA suspended relegation in a surprise move "for financial reasons and to facilitate pre-World Cup programming".

The players went on strike because talks over their new labour contract with the FA had broken down (and also to get the suspension of Taverna (Banfield) — accused of taking dope — lifted). The strike was lifted after five days of confusion when the labour ministry declared it illegal and promised to arbitrate, but also because Argentina was due to play Brazil in the South American Championship on the following day.

URUGUAY: MORENA BREAKS SCORING RECORD

With Penarol having won their third First Division title on the run with two matches still to go, main interest in the final weeks centred on whether their World Cup centre-forward Fernando Morena would break the First Division scoring record held by Juan Young, also of Penarol, for the last 42 years.

He did it in this last match when he scored his 34th goal of the season in the 3-1 defeat of third-placed Liverpool, the small club which had set the season alight when the topped the table for the first half. Penarol won the title unbeaten by nine points.

When Morena equalled the record the previous week, Montevideo papers came out with full page photo spreads showing every one of his 33 goals scored during the season.

River Plate's key midfield man Norberto Alonso (10) heads the first of his two goals in the 2-0 victory over San Lorenzo which ended the champion's losing streak which threatened to knock them off the top of the table.

ERIC THORNTON'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

CATTERICK BACK TO AID PRESTON

MOST FOLK who count for anything in the game have been busily joining the rest, these recent weeks, and wishing Many Happy Returns to Harry Catterick. And the wellwishers, believe me, have included even those who, at times, have variously crossed swords with this fiercely discerning character, and possibly been ticked off in the process.

Usually, they deserved that treatment. In fact, it always amazed me how well he conducted himself with some of the strange types who slipped into Press conferences. Or shuffled cunningly across between board room drinks, and thought up ridiculous questions.

Strugglers

Anyway, Harry is back. Which means, in my humble opinion, big soccer in Britain has cause for rejoicing at having regained one of its senior administrators. For, make no mistake, here we have experience of not only top drawer techniques, but, additionally, the bread-and-butter business of the strugglers.

The new Preston manager can claim to have known 'em nearly all, and at differing levels, this side of the war. He has tasted life in the basement with Crewe and Rochdale, and enjoyed the splendours of the summit with Everton, who first recruited the Catterick loyalty when playing him in the same teams as Ted Sagar, Tommy Jones, Peter Farrell, Alex Stevenson and Wally Boyes.

Nurtured

Goodison expected the moon around that time. And perhaps rightly so, because the fans had been nurtured on success diets served up by Dixie, Warney Cresswell, Billy Cook, Cliff Britton, Albert Geldard and Tommy Johnson — all internationals.

Old Tom McIntosh had guided them to tremendous triumphs under the chairmanship of solicitor Will Cuff, who, while League boss, once defied the Pools by refusing to release the fixtures for publication until Saturday mornings, then had to concede defeat because Newcastle United were not given sufficient time to get south for a match.

'Everything is favourable for Mr. Experience'

Schoolmaster Ernie Green moved into the chair, Britton and Johnny Carey took turns trying their luck in the hot seat before Harry said good-bye to the Third Division, drove up the East Lancashire Road, and took charge of his old love.

His own Cup and League prize-winning squads were liberally sprinkled with stars, as I'm certain you'll agree with the mention of Gordon West, Alex Parker, Ray Wilson, Brian Labone, George Heslop, Fred Pickering, Derek Temple and Alec Young, the golden boy.

Now in the best of health again after a long rest, the former goal poacher is getting down to it once more, just a little farther up the West coast, and very glad to be doing so, too.

Pleasure

The old Lancashire market town, where people live very close to the ground, may not provide one of the highest paid posts in football, yet this appointment could prove a very satisfying one, and, in any event, the man himself reveals personal pleasure by admitting it has "satisfied a longing to get back into football in an executive capacity."

Actually, it is a very interesting move. For it means that once more Harry is shaping the fortunes of a famous outfit—a club which claims the exceptional honour of having won the first championship ever staged by the Football League. Beat that!

It was played in the winter of 1888-89, and North End cruised home without losing a single game. What's more, they also carried off the F.A. Cup the same time without conceding a goal. It's hardly surprising they became known as *The Invincibles*.

They topped a table which, in that e
included all the old originals — Ast
Villa, Wolves, Blackburn Rovers, Bol
Wanderers, West Bromwich Albi
Everton, Burnley, Derby County, Ne
County, Stoke City, and, yes, Accring
Stanley!

Down the years, a succession of o
standing players have contributed
wonderful Preston achievements, thou
Just now, it hardly seems possible to al
that fact to their present position. Yet
can never forget men like Dickie Bo
Alex James, Andy Beattie, Eddie Quig
Charlie Wayman, Tommy Docherty,
Tom Finney.

Harry Catterick has got to go some
improve on old records, but, with a f
hand for rebuilding, everything
favourable for Mister Experience.

Opt for

THESE ARE early days for contempl
likely champions, yet one or two straws i
wind already provide some exc
possibilities without allowing for injuries
the inevitable suspensions spoiling every
by playing havoc with the teams.

Nobody — yes, nobody — can ignor
chances of such as Arsenal, Leeds U
Liverpool, Newcastle United, Stoke
Manchester United, West Ham, Cov
Everton, Manchester City, Q.P.R.,
dlesbrough and a few more.

The betting boys are offering tempting
for most of that mixed bunch. And
ticularly against the Ayresome squad,
somehow remain unfashionable in most
of the country despite the tough mann
which they repeatedly threw out the
challenge last winter.

This is where honest-to-goodness
Charlton comes in with sleeves rolle
again, viewing the future with quiet
fidence, and refusing to take cover again
peculiar criticism of the early doubters

Middlesbrough F.C.

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Personally fit enough with daily breathing of the sharp air coming down almost from the native heath on the opposite side of the Tyne, the shipyards' idol still gives the very efficient brush-off to double talkers.

Actually, it's nearly always been that way with this six-footer. Certainly, since turning against a mining job with the rest in the Northumbrian town of Ashington, he has been ready for anything except that "great bloody hole in the ground."

Now, after 36 internationals and 800 League games on behalf of Leeds United, the former king defender who won the unusual soubriquet of The Giraffe, on the League trail, is being tipped by some to again become Manager of the Year.

I wouldn't follow that immediate line, just yet, though it has to be admitted he has the distinct advantage over all rivals by having been groomed in discipline by England boss Don Revie, when the old architect of the deep-lying plan was in charge of affairs at Elland Road.

Which rather explains why Jack's opening blast as Boro's new chief swept through the exposed Ayresome ground like a Force Ten Gale when he said: "This club's got some good players and some lazy ones, but everybody will have to play hard in my team."

That is exactly what they are doing to this very day. Drilled properly on the pitch, and in the dressing room his boys brought the Teesiders out of the lower regions of the Second Division, where they had been struggling on poor support for almost a decade.

Up shot morale. Up shot support. Some of those a bit longer in the tooth began thinking back to the earlier good years when their favourites George Hardwick and Wilf Mannion were England colleagues of Frank Swift, Laurie Scott, Phil Taylor, Neil Franklin, Billy Wright, Stan Matthews, Tommy Lawton, Stan Mortensen and Tom Finney.

There were others who more recently remembered Brian Clough and Eddie Holliday being capped along with Don Howe, Ronnie Clayton, Jimmy Greaves, Ron Flowers, John Connelly, Tony Allen, Bobby Charlton and Trevor Smith.

Some have also been recalling the halcyon days of the great George Camsell and his 325 goals between the wars, and the fact that the Middlesbrough club was concerned in the first-ever four-figure transfer when they paid Sunderland £1,000 for Alf Common at the beginning of this century.

Of course, Big Jack, like all the other managers, is not worrying over past history, but rather in the making of it for a club which is one of Britain's oldest, yet has never won either the League or the Cup.

It would be most appropriate if the championship pennant could be flying over the Middlesbrough headquarters next August to celebrate its centenary.

Canada lose six

MUCH AS would normally be expected, Canada's amateur team lost all six of its international matches this past summer against Poland, East Germany and Hungary. However, based on last years' tour to Europe there was reason to hope for better results than those achieved.

But much has changed in Canadian soccer since that time and as a result the team was ill prepared for playing teams of the calibre of Poland and East Germany and the inevitable happened. Poland beat Canada 8-1 and 4-1 while East Germany scored 3-0 and 7-1 victories. By the time that the weaker Hungarians arrived on the scene the players had had some time together and four games under their belts and consequently the performances were far better.

Hungary beat Canada 4-1 in Toronto in a game that could have gone either way despite the score and then struggled to win 3-2 in Montreal. It should be pointed out that this was basically Hungary's Under 23 team strengthened by one or two more experienced players and coached by former Ferencvaros star Gyula Rakosi.

After being outclassed by Poland at the beginning of July the East Germans were the next on the scene. The Canadian team remained basically the same and turned in a good performance in the game in Toronto holding the more experienced German team to one goal until eight minutes from the end when first Vogel and then Bransch added to the earlier score.

The first half belonged to East Germany and the second to Canada as Jimmy Douglas hit the inside of the post with Croy beaten and Peter Roe and Ray Telford both went close. But of course with Canada pressing hard for the equaliser they left themselves wide open at the back and in the end the inevitable happened.

Ottawa, was the scene of the second game and here the Germans ran Canada into the ground despite the absence of Hoffmann and Sparwasser through injury. Vogel (3), Streich (2), Riediger and Pommerenke scored for East Germany and with the score six Carl Rose got Canada's lone goal.

Played in 95 degree heat with very high humidity the game took its toll of the players and when the game over oxygen had to be rushed to the German dressing room where Hans Jurgen Kreische was experiencing extreme difficulty in getting his breath. From the Canadian dressing room it was possible to hear Dreische banging the walls. Two Canadian players had similar difficulties but nothing like as bad as Kreische.

Played

At the beginning of August it was Hungary's turn to pay a visit, which like those of Poland and East Germany had obviously been planned to take place approximately one year from the Olympics. But in Hungary's case of course the Olympics no longer mattered by the time that the games were played.

In Toronto, Fehervari gave them the lead after 16 minutes but six minutes into the second half Canada equalised as the combination of Jim Douglas and Peter Roe worked once again and Roe's shot went into the net off a post and a defender. From then until the 64th minute the game could have gone either way with Canada pressing hard for the go ahead goal. But it was Hungary who scored temporarily knocking all the steam out of Canada. Fekete got the goal and Gass made it 3-1 three minutes later.

From then until the end of the game Canada pressed but in between the Canadian attacks Csapo made it 4-1 and then almost time Dombai saved Roe's penalty kick.

Montreal played host to the second game which the Hungarians took the lead throu Csapo in the 11th minute. Four minutes la Mike Burke hooked in a centre from B Magill to tie the scores and then Magill hit bar. Eight minutes before half time Cana took the lead when Bob Bolitho scored fr the penalty spot after Telford had been pul down.

Ovation

Canada held onto their lead for 23 minu when Csapo tied the scores and in the 7 minute scored what proved to be the winn Both teams received a standing ovation they left the field from the crowd of 7,100.

Canadian coach Bill McAllister resig after the series was over citing internal poli as one of his reasons. Thus McAlli becomes the second Canadian coach to res this year. West German born Eckh Krautzun who had coached Canada for j 18 months resigned effective in June.

Now for the second time in a short per Canada is searching for someone to coach national team and the man who seems have the inside track at present is C Morris who was an assistant to McAllister appointed Morris will face the difficult tas taking the team to the Pan American Ga in Mexico in October.

NASL — ATTENDANCE TOTALS AND AVERAGES

	Total	Avg.
San Jose Earthquakes	197,194	17,926
Seattle Sounders	185,090	16,826
Portland Timbers	159,536	14,503
Tampa Bay Rowdies	118,005	10,727
New York Cosmos	114,949	10,449
Washington Diplomats	97,320	8,847
Los Angeles Aztecs	91,372	8,306
Vancuver Whitecaps	83,369	7,579
Philadelphia Atoms	80,047	7,277
Toronto Metros-Croatia	68,985	6,271
St. Louis Stars	66,777	6,070
Boston Minutemen	64,643	5,386
Rochester Lancers	58,661	5,332
Miami Toros	54,127	4,828
Dallas Tornado	51,014	4,637
San Antonio Thunder	48,528	4,411
Chicago Sting	47,632	4,330
Hartford Bicentennials	40,920	3,720
Denver Dynamos	40,194	3,654
Baltimore Comets	29,049	2,640

THE SIGNING of Pele by the New York Cosmos had a dramatic effect on attendance figures in the North American Soccer League during the regular season and tend to distort the picture somewhat when it comes to average attendances. This is particularly true of cities where Pele did not play a regular season game as compared to cities that played New York after Pele signed for them.

Still in the case of the three leading cities it made little or no difference to the real picture for in the case of San Jose and Seattle they played to near capacity or capacity crowds all season long while Portland showed steady growth from the fourth game onwards.

San Jose topped the charts with an average of 17,926 while exceeding the capacity of their stadium on four occasions. Seattle with a slightly smaller stadium sold out their last four games and averaged 16,826.

The lowest average was that of the Baltimore Comets with 2,640 and four attendances below the two thousand mark. Hartford and Denver also had trouble attracting fans with averages below four thousand. Baltimore in particular have to be a question mark for 1976 having also had a poor season at the gate last season.

One club that looked to be in trouble earlier in the season Toronto Metros-Croatia appear to have turned the corner as a result of some improved attendances towards the end of the season that included the New York game and a game with Olympiakos the Greek champions.

Attendances are not necessarily related to playing standards or to the position of the team in the league. Playing standards varied widely making comparisons difficult for one could watch a game of Fourth Division calibre one night and a game of Second Division calibre the next.

The figures include only the 11 regular season games played at home by each club except in the case of Boston who played twelve games their original game with New York having to be replayed. The figure for Washington is seriously out of balance for it includes the 35,620 who attended the game against New York, however, in the four games following that game their total aggregate only just topped the 10,000 mark. Incidentally that crowd of 35,000 plus may well be a record for a socce game in the United States, perhap surpassing the flat 35,000 figure an nounced for the ASL All Stars v. Hakoal Vienna game in 1926.

Attendances for home games played b the New York Cosmos after signing Pel dropped from a high of 22,500 to 6,541 fo the final game although he did not alway play.

COLIN JOSE reports from the USA and Canada

DAVID OF MIAMI IS THE TOP SCORER...

FOR THE third year running the North American Soccer League championship will be won by a first year expansion club. Both the Tampa Bay Rowdies and the Portland Timbers, who qualified for the final by virtue of their semi-final victories over the Miami Toros and the St. Louis Stars respectively, are newly formed clubs and their teams were put together only this year.

As such the fact that they have reached the final has to be a triumph for their respective coaches Eddie Firmani in Tampa and Vic Crowe in Portland, both cast offs from former coaching positions in England.

Tampa, a city on the gulf coast of Florida, qualified for the play offs by winning the NASL Eastern Division and then went on to gain a narrow victory 1-0 over Toronto Metros-Croatia, who finished second in the Northern Division, in the quarter finals. In this game played in Tampa, Toronato hit the bar twice and missed a penalty, while three players were sent off two from Toronto and one from Tampa.

By comparison Tampa had an easy semi-final victory 3-0 over their Florida neighbours Miami. The Toros, beaten fianalists last year, had finished second in the Eastern Division and then went on to defeat Boston who had topped the Northern Division.

Continent

In the western half of the continem Portland, located in Oregon on the Pacific coast beat the Seattle Sounders in the quarter final. After a slow start the Timbers had won the Western Division over Seattle with last years champions the Los Angeles Aztecs finishing third.

However, despite finishing third the Aztecs qualified for the play offs by gaining more points than Chicago, who finished in second place in the Central Division. Los Angeles went out in the quarter final to St. Louis who had won the Central Division thus setting the stage for a Portland-St. Louis semi-final.

Played in Portland where attendances have been climbing all season over 33,000 were on hand to see the Timbers gain a narrow 1-0 victory. The final between Tampa and Portland will be played in San Jose, California where the local Earthquakes club had the highest average attenadance in the league despite finishing in last place in the Western Division.

Spartan Stadium in San Jose is one of the smaller stadiums in the league with a capacity of just 18,099 yet on four occasions this season that figure was surpassed with standing room only crowds. It is sure to be filled for the final which will be televised live across the United States by CBS television.

Pele's club — the New York Cosmos — finished in third place in the Northern Division 23 points behind Toronto, and out of the play offs with Pele himself out of the line up for a number of games through injury. The Cosmos are sadly in need of a rebuilding job if they are to put Pele's talents to work for them for so far he has been able to produce little but crowds through the turnstiles and has looked a pale shadow of the great player he once was.

The leagues leading goalscorer this season was Steven David of Miami, the Trinidad born forward who was so outstanding for his country in the World Cup preliminary rounds of 1973 when Trinidad almost qualified for the finals instead of Haiti. David, who was also voted the leagues "Most Valubale Player Award" scored 23 goals in 21 games, five more than Derek Smethurst of Tampa Bay who scored 18.

Stalwart

John Sewell, the old Crystal Palace stalwart, won the "Coach of the Year Award" for this work with the St. Louis Stars who fielded a team consisting of American born players for the most part. Best new young player was Chris Bahr of the Philadelphia Atoms and if that name rings a bell it is because he is the son of Walter Bahr who was a member of the U.S. team that beat England in 1950.

After one of their poorest seasons on record since the debacle in 1968 the Dallas Tornado have fired coach Ron Newman who has been at the helm in the Texas city since 1969. Despite the poor record this season the firing of Newman is a surprise for he has been the key to soccer growth at the grass roots level in Dallas and indeed throughout Texas ever since he arrived.

However, it seems unlikely that the NASL will allow someone with Ron Newman's talents and likeable personality to slip through its fingers.

Tom Galati of the Philadelphia Atoms.

Hungarian news . . . by Leslie Vernon

More football forced on the top clubs

THE HUNGARIAN season has opened with a surfeit of action on-and-off the field. The F.A. Management Committee have announced their detailed plans for the season, which also incorporates the celebrations of their 75th Anniversary.

As their cure for the ills of the Hungarian game seems to be competitive football, and then some more competitive football, the calendar is a vastly overcrowded one.

The concept of the "English week" — a frequently used term in several countries on the Continent — is now accepted and forced on the clubs whether they like it or not. It means that the teams have to play on Saturday, Wednesday, and Saturday again to complete a cycle of three games in every eight days.

The midweek dates are either used for domestic competitions (league or one of the several cups) or for internationals on country or club level. To ensure equal "fatigue-ratio" for the clubs not involved in the official UEFA competitions, they will play friendlies against teams of neighbouring countries.

Ferencvaros are exempt because they are involved in the discredited Mitropa Cup, but Videoton and Raba will play E. German opponents, no less than six teams will be paired with Czech foes, and three others, MTK-VM, Bekescsaba and Szeged will clash with Rumanian.

Standard

Whether all this frantic activity will lead to an improvement in the standard of their football, only time can tell, but the coaches must be hard-pressed to find time for training, working on set-pieces, etc.

It is all very well to look at England and say that this is the ideal system, and we must copy it. Even if it were true — and in my opinion, it is not! — English clubs operate with 18-20 full-time professionals, and there are no easy games in their itinerary.

On the other hand, the top Hungarian clubs inevitably meet some very poor teams in the Cups. These games and many others are played-off in empty stadiums, with no atmosphere and no pressure on the players. While their value as "the road to salvation" is nil, there is still the danger of injury, the tedium of travel, and of course, no proper training can be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

However, there is no point in quibbling. The proof, as they say, is in the pudding, which has been, metaphorically speaking, unentable and indigestiable of late. The full-international side will play Austria twice during the season. Apart from the European Championship, Leopold Stastny's team will provide the opposition for the June 6 Anniversary match in Budapest.

The Hungarians go to Lodz on October 8, and to Bratislava one week later for warm-up games against Poland and Czechoslovakia. (They are warming-up, sadly, not the Hungarians). Finally, Luxembourg will visit Szombathely, where the by-then completely meaningless E.C. match takes place. The League campaign ends on November 29, to be followed swiftly by the new "Winter Cup" competition.

In this event, the clubs will only be allowed to field four players above the age of 23! This will be followed by a five-a-side (no age-limit) indoor tournament, and the autumn campaign will come to a merciful end on December 22. After a short break for Christmas . . . well, I am not going to reveal the plans for an equally mindbendingly busy spring, because in the meantime, they might come to their senses and cancel a few competitions.

Before the curtain went-up for the 74th Hungarian League Championship, the national teams and most of the clubs went on short tours. Hungary only played one game, beating Iran 2-1 in Teheran. Baroti put Tibor Nyilasi, the Ferencvaros midfielder, in the team, alongside J. Kovacs and Toth from Dozsa. Varadi scored the first goal in the 28th minute. Mehlavi equalised, and then Laszlo Nagy got the winner in the 53rd.

Team: L. Kovacs — Torok, Balint, Horvath, J. Toth — J. Kovacs (Kolar), Nyilasi, A. Toth — Fazekas, Varadi, L. Nagy (Magyar).

The Under-23 side went to Canada and won all three of their matches — 11-0, 4-1, 3-2. Goals: Csapo, Gass — 4 each, Fekete 3, Fehervari, Soos, Rab — 2 each, B. Kovacs 1.

The clubs didn't really excel themselv travel. Honved were perhaps the most cessful, winning a couple of trophies in S On the other hand, the four-cornered tournament staged in Budapest was a success.

On the first day, Ferencvaros drew CSKA Moscow 1-1, and Csepel also fin all-square with Estudiantes. The Mosc went goal-crazy against Csepel on the s day, and beat them 4-0 — a humiliating first act of a double-heade the Magyars. But Fradi came good again Argentinian former Inter-Continental holders, and thrashed them 5-1 (!), wi the tournament with 3 points and su goal-difference — they scored more goal second-placed CSKA.

Championship

Ferencvaros are the only club to have part in every one of the previous seventy championship campaigns — MTK and were present 68 times each. The green whites won the League 21 times, MTK h firsts, while Dozsa finished on top occasions. Other previous champs: Hon Vasas 5, Csepel 4, BTC 2, NAC and Rab 1 each.

The feature of the early rounds has be dramatic decline of Ujpest Dozsa. Sea for their eighth consecutive title, the lila whites opened with a fortunate win a Haladas (3-2), then lost to Videoton (0-3 were beaten by Ferencvaros 4-1! This "c game, together with the Honved v Vasa appetizer, attracted 75,000 people in Nepstadium, proving for the upm time that the Hungarians' 'love affai football is a never-ending saga of pass joy and hopeless despair.

But, of course, when 'Fradi' are doin everything in the garden is lovely for th majority of the fans, and at present, th on top of the table with 100% recor

Newly promoted Kaposvar and Di are also doing pretty well, but Pal Vas Dozsa must re-group his forces to ove the handicap of a four-points' deficit, a so early in the season.

Sweden hit N. Ireland's last final hopes

International Post-Mortem conducted by JACK ROLLIN

Northern Ireland 1 Sweden 3

THE LAST lingering hopes that Ireland had of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the European Championships, disappeared in this defeat at the hands of the Swedes, lacking several of their professional exiles.

Things however, looked bright enough for the Irish when Allan Hunter gave them the lead in 32 minutes, but a minute before the interval the Swedes deservedly equalised through through Thomas Sjoberg and ten minutes after the restart, they went into the lead.

This time it was the Bayern Munich player Conny Torstensson who put them ahead and this group is now between Yugoslavia and Sweden. They have to meet in Yugoslavia in October and this could decide the qualifiers.

Northern Ireland: Jenning; Rice, Nelson, Clements, Hunter, Nicholl, Blair, Hamilton (Morgan), Spence, McIlroy, Jackson.

Sweden: Hellstrom; Andersson, Karlsson, Nordqvist, Augustsson, Fredriksson, Torstensson, Linderoth, Sjoberg, Olsberg, Mattson (Tapper).

Holland 4 Finland 1

NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, the Dutch had a fairly easy win over the Finns who nevertheless struggled early on and had the embarrassment of being a goal down in 10 minutes to Paatelainen.

But when Willy Van der Kuylen equalised after 29 minutes and gave them the lead after 37 minutes, the Dutch were well on top.

Harry Lubse added a third and Van der Kuylen completed his hat-trick in the second half.

Holland: Van Beveren; Van Kraay, Suurbier, Overweg, Krol, Peters, Jansen, Van Hanegem, Rene van der Kerkhof, Lubse, Van der Kuylen.

Finland: Enckelmann; Vihitia, Makinen, Forssel, Eskoranta, E. Rissanen, Hamalainen, Suomalainen, Heiskanen, O. Rissanen, Paatelainen.

Denmark 0 Scotland 1

MOST OF the incident in this match came afterwards in the now infamous night club incident which led to the life suspension of five Scottish players, including Joe Harper the Hibs forward who scored the only goal of the match in the 50th minute.

The Danes who included a strong side of several exiles with Allan Simonsen, Henning Jensen and Ulrik Le Fevre in attack, tried hard but the Scots were the better side.

Skipper Billy Bremner the other suspended player who was in action in this match was playing in his 54th international, just one short of Denis Law's record.

Denmark: Jensen (B); Mortensen, Jensen (M), Larsen, Thune, Flindtberg, Simonsen, Nielsen (B), Bjornmose, Jensen (H), Le Fevre.

Scotland: Harvey; McGrain, Forsyth, Bremner, McQueen, Buchan, Lorimer, Dalglish, Harper, Rioch, Hutchinson (Duncan).

France 3 Iceland 0

FRANCE HAD to wait until the latter stages of the match to increase their lead from a 20 minute goal from Guillou. In the 74th minute Guillou added his second and Berdoll who came on as a half time substitute completed the scoring in the 87th minute.

France: Baratelli; Domenech, Adams, Tresor, Bracci, Michel, Huck, Guillou, Rocheteau, Molitor (Berdoll), Emon.

Iceland: Stefansson; Olle Sigurvinsson, Torfasson, Geirsson, Petursson, Hilmarsson, Leifsson, Agegir Sigurvinsson, Edvaldsson, Thordarsson, Halgrimsson.

Belgium 1 Iceland 0

ONLY ONE goal in this European Championship match scored to minutes before half-time by the Bruges striker Raoul Lambert gave Belgium a slender victory over the Icelanders.

France who obviously did better in their game, must now be hoping that Belgium will not improve on this performance when they meet in November.

Belgium: Piot; Van Binst, Broos, Dewalque, Martens, Cools, Verheyen, Pollaunis, Lambert, Devrindt, Teugels.

Iceland: Stafansson, O. Sigurvinsson, Petursson, Geirsson, Larusson, Torfasson, Leifsson, Hallgrimsson, Thordarsson, A. Sigurvinsson, E. Geirsson.

Austria 0 West Germany 2

A CROWD of 72,000 watched these near neighbours and close rivals in a friendly international in Vienna.

The Germans won by goals from substitute Erich Beer who scored twice in the 52nd and 82nd minutes.

The Germans fielded many old favourites including Beckenbauer, Maier, Schwarzenbeck, Vogts, Wimmer but were not sure of victory until the second half.

Austria: Koncilia; Obermaier, Kreiss (Demantker), Pezzey, Strasser, Kruez, Hickersberger, Prohaska, Welzl, Kogelberger, (Stering), Jara.

West Germany: Maier; Beckenbauer (Beer) Kaltz, Schwarzenbeck (Danner), Vogts, Korbel, Wimmer (Keller), Stielike, Seel, Gersdorff, Holzenbein.

Switzerland 1 England 2

THE SWISS gave England two goals with defensive errors. Kevin Keegan and Mike Channon scoring.

Kudi Muller pulled one goal back for the Swiss at half-time, but they could not get on terms after the interval, though the home side continued to show more skill in midfield.

Don Revie had several players appearing in differently numbered shirts, to confuse not only the opposition but watching Czech spies.

Switzerland: Burgener; Guyot, Stohler, Trinchero, Fischbach, Schild, Hasler, Botteron, Pfister, Muller, Jeandupeux.

England: Clemence; Whitworth, Todd, Watson, Beattie, Bell, Currie, Francis, Channon, Johnson (Macdonald), Keegan.

Mike Channon, scored one of England's goals against Switzerland.

WORLD SOCCER

CLASSIFIED RESULTS
(from South America)
SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
(Copa America)

Group 1
July 30

VENEZUELA (0) 0
BRAZIL (1) 4 (Romeu, Danival, Balinha 2)

Venezuela: Colmenares, Ochoa, Castro, Marquina, Torres, Usche, Mendoza, Paez, Garcia, Iriarte, Rivas.
Brazil: Raul, Getulio, Rustrin, Piazza, Nelinho, Vanderlei, Danival, Batata, Campos, Marcelo, Romeu.

August 3

VENEZUELA (1) 1 (Iriarte)
ARGENTINA (3) 5 (Gallego 2, Kempes, Luque, Ardiles)

Venezuela: Vega (Arizaleta), Vasquez, R. Torres, Marquina, O. Torres, Usche, Gonzalez, Mendoza, Perez, Iriarte, Flores (Garcia).
Argentina: Gatti, Rebottaro, Pavoni, D. Killer, M. Killer, Asad, Gallego, Zanabria (Ardiles), Boveda, Luque, Kempes (Valencia). Referee: Rafael Ormazabal (Chile). Att: 8,000.

August 6

BRAZIL (1) 2 (Nelhino 2)
ARGENTINA (1) 1 (Asad)

Brazil: Raul, Nelinho, Amaral, Piazza, Getulio, Vanderlei, Danival, Roberto, Batata, Marcelo (Palinha), Campos (Lapel), Romeu.
Argentina: Gatti, Rebottaro, Pavoni, D. Killer, Pavoni, Ardiles (Zanabria), Gallego, Asad, Boveda (Valdano), Luque, Kempes. Referee: Ramon Barreto (Uruguay).

August 10

ARGENTINA (4) 11 (D. Killer 3, Kempes 2, Gallego, Ardiles, Zanabria 2, Boveda, Luque)
VENEZUELA (0) 0

Argentina: Gatti, Rebottaro, Pavoni, D. Killer, M. Killer, Ardiles (Asad), Gallego, Zanabria (Valencia), Boveda, Luque, Kempes.
Venezuela: Arizaleta, Ochoa, Usche, Marquina, O. Torres, Gonzalez, Mendoza, Paez, Rivas, Iriarte (R. Torres), Garcia (J. Da Silva). Referee: Pedro Reyes (Peru).

August 12

BRAZIL (3) 6 (Batata 2, Nelinho, Danival, Campos, Palinha)
VENEZUELA (0) 0

Brazil: Raul, Nelinho, Luis Pereira, Amaral, Getulio, Vanderlei, Danival, Batata, Marcelo (Palinha), Campos, Romeu.
Venezuela: Arizaleta, Rubens, R. Torres, Ochoa, Marquina, Usche, Gonzalez, Mendoza, Paez, Rivas, Iriarte (Fernandez). Referee: Carlos Rivera. Att: 30,000.

August 16

ARGENTINA (0) 0
BRAZIL (1) 1 (Danival)

Argentina: Gatti, Rebottaro, Pavoni, D. Killer, M. Killer, Ardiles (Asad), Gallego, Zanabria, Boveda, Luque, Kempes.
Brazil: Raul, Nelinho, Luis Pereira, Amaral, Getulio, Vanderlei, Danival, Batata, Campos, Palinha, Romeu (Reinaldo). Referee: Carlos Robles (Chile).

Group 1 (final standings)	w	d	l	f	a	pts
BRAZIL	4	0	0	13	1	8
Argentina	2	0	2	17	4	4
Venezuela	0	0	4	1	26	0

Group 3
July 20

COLOMBIA (0) 1 (Diaz)
PARAGUAY (0) 0

Colombia: Zape, Segovia, Zarate, Escobar, Rubio, Calero, Arbeleda, Castro, Ortiz, Pacheco, Carapaz (Diaz).
Paraguay: Almeida, Solalinde, F. Sosa, A. Sosa, Irrifran, Torres, Benitez, Kiese, Paniagua, Rolon, Rivera. Referee: Romualdo Arphi Filho (Brazil).

July 24

ECUADOR 2 PARAGUAY 2

July 27

ECUADOR (1) 1 (Polo Carrera)
COLOMBIA (1) 3 (Ortiz, Retat, Castro)

Ecuador: Delgado, Pelaez, Camacho, Perez, Klinger, Rhon, J. Tapia (Cabezas, Tobar), Castaneda, Lasso, Polo Carrera, G. Tapia.
Colombia: Zape, Escobar, Silva (Diaz), Calero, Arbeleda, Carapaz (Retat), Castro, Zarate, Rubio, Segovia, Ortiz. Referee: Miguel Coerssana (Argentina).

July 31

PARAGUAY 0, COLOMBIA 1 (suspended at half-time — match awarded to Colombia)

August 7

COLOMBIA (1) 2 (Diaz, Calero)
ECUADOR (0) 0

Colombia: Zape, Segovia, Zarate, Escobar, Beltran, Arbeleda, Calero, Retat (Pacheco), Ortiz, Castro (Caldel, Diaz.
Ecuador: Delgado, Klinger, F. Carrera, Camacho, Pelaez, Tobar (Paniagua), Cabezas, Tapia, Lasso, P. Carrera, Castaneda.

August 10

PARAGUAY (2) 3 (Baez, Rolon 2)
ECUADOR (0) 1 (Castañeda)

Paraguay: Benitez, Escobar, Florentin, Riveros, Irrifran, Torres, Benitez, Kiese, Paniagua (Rivera), Rolon, Baez, (Pictiut).
Ecuador: Vera, Pelaez, Camacho, J. Carrera, Klinger, P. Carrera, Tapia (Gonzaez), Tobar, Castaneda (Gomez), Lasso, Paz. Referee: Armando Marques (Brazil).

Group 3 (final standings)	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Colombia	4	0	0	7	1	8
Paraguay	1	1	2	5	5	3
Ecuador	0	1	3	4	10	1

Group 2
July 16

CHILE (1) 1 (Crisosto)
PERU (0) 1 (Quesada)

July 20

BOLIVIA (0) 2 (Mezza 2, 1 pen.)
CHILE (1) 1 (Gamboa)

Bolivia: Jimenez, Angulo, Rojas, Lima, Del Llano, Liendo, Mezza, Linares (Vargas), Morales, P. Jimenez, Parionto (Diaz).
Chile: Vallejos, Diaz, Gonzalez, Soto, Galindo, Mendez (Herrera), Las Heras, Inostrosa, Gamboa, Spedaleri, Veliz (Aburada).

July 27

BOLIVIA (0) 0
PERU (1) 1 (Ramirez)

Bolivia: C. Jimenez, Angulo, Rojas, Lima, Iriondo, Liendo, Vargas (Rimsza), Mezza, Morales, Diaz, P. Jimenez (Farfan).
Peru: Sartor, Soria, Champitaz, Melendez, Toribio, Diaz, Parraga, Cubillas, Quesada, Ramirez, Rojas (Aparicio), Oblitas.

August 7

PERU (2) 3 (Ramirez pen., Cueto, Oblitas)
BOLIVIA (0) 1 (Mezza pen.)

Peru: Sartor, Soria, Melendez, Champitaz, Diaz, Parraga, Quesada, Cueto (Aparicio), Ramirez, Rojas, Oblitas.
Bolivia: C. Jimenez, Angulo, Rojas, Lima, Iriondo, Linares (Diaz), Mezza, Sanchez, Rimsza, Fernandez (Farfan), Porfir (P. Jimenez). Referee: Romualdo Arphi Filho.

August 13

CHILE 4, BOLIVIA 0

August 20

PERU (3) 3 (Rojas, Oblitas, Ramirez)
CHILE (0) 1 (Reinoso)

Group 2 (final standings)	w	d	l	f	a	pts
PERU	3	1	0	8	3	7
Chile	1	1	2	7	6	3
Bolivia	1	0	3	3	9	2

INTERNATIONALS

July 13

PERU (2) 2 (Ramirez 2)
PARAGUAY (0) 0

July 18

URUGUAY (0) 2 (Morena 2)
ARGENTINA (1) 3 (Alonso, Valdano 2) (Newton Cup)

Uruguay: Corbo, Morales, Perseua, Villazan, Mier, Unanue, Rivero (Perayral, Silva, Lorenzo, Moreas, Ocampo.
Argentina: La Volpe, Carrascosa, Trossero, Rocchia, M. Killer, Galvan (Solari), Asad, Alonso, Houseman, Bochini, Ortiz (Alonso sent off 86m.).

July 29

CANADA 0
EAST GERMANY 3 (o.g., Vogel, Brunsch)

Canada: Brand, Horrocks, Bolitho, Grant, Telford, Douglas, Ayre, Robinson, Rose, Burke, Roe.
East Germany: Croy, Kische (Peitsche), Brunsch, Weise, Kurbjuweit, Seguin (Dornert, Lauck, Kreische (Pommerenke), Streich (Vogel), Sparwasser (Riediger), Hoffmann.

July 31

CANADA 1
EAST GERMANY 7 (Vogel 3, Strei
Riediger, Pommerenke)

Canada: Brand, Bolitho, Horrocks (Megraw), Telford, Douglas, Ayre (Kelly), Bennett (Santos), Rose, (Whitehead), Roe.
East Germany: Croy (Grapenthin), Fritsche (Dr Weise, Kurbjuweit (Kische), Dorner, Seguin (Ke Lauck, Pommerenke, Streich, Riediger, Vogel.

August 6

CANADA 1 (Roe)
HUNGARY 4 (Fehervari, Fekete, Csapo)

Canada: Brand, Ayre (Horrocks), Grant, Bolitho, T Megraw, Douglas, Burns, Rose, Burke (Magill), Ro
Hungary: Dombai, Nagy, Gudas, Rab, Cere Kovacs, Csapo, Pusztai, Fekete, Gass, Fehervari.

August 10

CANADA 2 (Burke, Bolitho pen.)
HUNGARY 3 (Csapo 3)

URUGUAY: First Division
(final standings)

	p	w	d	l	f
Peñarol	22	16	6	0	59
Nacional	22	12	5	5	47
Liverpool	22	11	6	5	36
River Plate	22	8	8	6	29
Danubio	22	8	6	8	33
Cerro	22	8	5	9	28
Huracan Buceo	22	9	2	10	27
Wanderers	22	7	5	10	30
Defensor	22	6	6	10	30
Rentistas	22	5	6	11	37
Racing	22	6	2	14	30
Fenix	22	4	5	13	24

(Relegation play-off pending between Ra Fenix and two leading First Division B cl

BRAZIL: Sao Paulo State League
(final round final standings of second stage)

	p	w	d	l	f
Portuguesa de Desp.	5	1	4	0	5
Sao Paulo FC	5	2	2	1	5
Santos	5	3	0	2	5
America	5	2	1	2	5
Corinthians	5	1	2	2	1
Palmeiras	5	1	1	3	4

(Portuguesa and first stage winner Sao P play for title).

Carioca League
(final standings of third stage

	p	w	d	l	f
Vasco da Gama (x)	7	6	0	1	19
Flamengo (x)	7	6	0	1	23
Fluminense	7	4	1	2	9
America	7	4	1	2	11
Botafogo	7	4	0	3	10
Madureira	7	2	0	5	8
Portuguesa	7	1	0	6	4
Bangu	7	0	0	7	1

(x) Vasco da Gama won play-off and previous stage winners Fluminense Botafogo for title.

VENEZUELA
Professional League

	p	w	d
Estudiantes	12	7	3
Galicia	11	4	7
Portuguesa	12	6	2
Universitarios	13	4	6
Italia	12	3	6
Portugues	12	3	3
Valencia	12	1	6
San Cristobal	12	2	3

RESULTS SERVICE

CHILE: First Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Green Cross	**12**	**8**	**3**	**1**	**20**	**9**	**19**
Dep. Concepcion	13	7	4	2	13	9	18
Colo Colo	13	7	3	3	23	15	17
Lota Schwager	13	6	5	2	17	14	17
Santiago Wanderers	13	5	6	2	15	12	16
Union Española	9	6	3	0	19	8	15
Santiago Morning	13	4	5	4	24	27	13
Huachipato	11	6	0	5	16	14	12
Palestino	13	2	7	4	17	20	11
Universidad de Chile	12	3	5	4	19	13	11
Everton	13	3	5	5	20	22	11
Magellanes	12	2	6	4	17	19	10
Dep. Aviacion	12	3	4	5	18	21	10
Naval	13	3	4	6	14	19	10
Rangers	13	3	4	6	21	23	10
Dep. La Serena	13	3	3	7	19	23	9
Regional Antofagasta	13	2	4	7	17	23	8
O'Higgins	13	2	3	8	16	24	7

COLOMBIA: First Division (second stage): (after three games) Group A: Independiente Santa Fe 5 pts., Medellin, Dep. Cali, Junior & Millionarios 3, Pereira 2, Union Magdalena 1. Group B: Nacional 5, Cristal 4, Quindio & Tolima 3, America & Bucaramanga 2, Cucuta 1.

ARGENTIA: Metropolitan First Division (final standings)

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
River Plate	**38**	**23**	**9**	**6**	**72**	**38**	**55**
Huracan	38	21	9	8	73	46	51
Boca Juniors	38	22	6	10	80	40	50
Union S. Fe	38	20	9	9	65	42	49
Estudiantes LP	38	18	11	9	68	51	47
Colon S. Fe	38	16	15	7	60	48	47
Rosario Central	38	15	11	12	75	51	41
FC Oeste	34	14	12	12	61	58	40
Velez Sarsfield	38	13	13	12	50	48	39
Newell's Old Boys	38	11	16	11	47	43	38
Gim. y Esg. LP	38	11	12	15	55	71	34
San Lorenzo	38	11	12	15	56	62	34
Independiente	38	12	9	17	47	55	33
Atlanta	38	13	7	18	62	69	33
Chacarita Jrs.	38	11	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Racing	38	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	31
Banfield	38	7	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	73	28
All Boys	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	65	28
Argentinos Jrs.	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	70	25
Temperley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	44	77	25

Tommy Taylor (right) of West Ham United and Tony Field of Sheffield United in action at Upton Park.

Mario Killer scores the first of Argentina's 11 goals against Venezuela in the South American championship match in Rosario. The 11-0 result was the top score in the group games.

YUGOSLAVIA

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Red Star	6	6	0	0	13	2	12
OFK Belgrade	6	5	0	1	11	10	10
Hajduk	6	3	2	1	6	5	8
Sarajevo	6	3	1	2	11	5	7
Borac	6	2	3	1	6	5	7
Vojvodina	6	3	1	2	6	5	7
Sloboda	6	2	2	2	10	9	6
Olimpija	6	2	2	2	7	6	6
Partizan	6	2	2	2	6	5	6
Celik	6	2	2	2	5	4	6
Rijeka	6	2	1	3	6	7	5
Dinamo	6	2	1	3	5	6	5
Velez	6	1	3	2	5	6	5
Radnicki Krag	6	2	1	3	5	7	5
Buducnost	6	2	0	4	4	8	4
Zeljeznicar	6	1	2	3	3	7	4
Vardar	6	1	1	4	3	8	3
Radnicki Nis	6	0	2	4	3	10	2

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WORLD SOCCER RESULTS — cont

ENGLAND

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Manchester Utd	7	5	1	1	14	5	11
West Ham	7	4	3	0	13	9	11
Queen's PR	7	3	4	0	13	6	10
Coventry	7	3	3	1	9	4	9
Everton	7	4	1	2	13	9	9
Leeds	7	4	1	2	11	8	9
Liverpool	7	3	2	2	10	9	8
Derby	7	3	2	2	12	13	8
Manchester City	7	3	1	3	12	5	7
Newcastle	7	3	1	3	12	11	7
Norwich	7	2	3	2	17	17	7
Ipswich	7	2	3	2	7	7	7
Arsenal	7	2	3	2	6	6	7
Aston Villa	7	3	1	3	9	11	7
Middlesbrough	7	3	1	3	8	10	7
Burnley	7	1	4	2	11	12	6
Leicester	7	0	6	1	10	13	6
Stoke	7	2	2	3	8	11	6
Wolverhampton	7	1	3	3	6	10	5
Tottenham	7	1	2	4	10	13	4
Birmingham	7	0	2	5	6	15	2
Sheffield United	7	0	1	6	3	16	1

FRANCE

	p	w	d	l	f	a	Bonus pts	pts
Nice	5	4	1	0	16	5	3	12
Lyon	6	4	1	1	14	9	1	10
Sochaux	6	4	1	1	10	6	1	10
St. Etienne	6	3	2	1	13	9	1	9
St. Germain	6	2	3	1	14	11	1	8
Marseille	6	4	0	2	14	12	0	8
Nimes	6	2	2	2	6	6	1	7
Bastia	5	2	1	2	8	8	1	6
Monaco	6	2	2	2	12	13	0	6
Nancy	6	2	2	2	11	14	0	6
Reims	6	1	3	2	8	8	0	5
Troyes	6	1	3	2	12	13	0	5
Valenciennes	6	1	3	2	9	10	0	5
Nantes	6	0	5	1	7	8	0	5
Strasbourg	6	1	3	2	5	6	0	5
Lens	6	1	2	3	12	14	1	5
Lille	6	1	3	2	12	14	0	5
Metz	6	1	2	3	11	14	1	5
Bordeaux	6	1	3	2	7	10	0	5
Avignon	6	1	0	5	8	19	0	2

TURKEY

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Göztepe	2	1	1	0	5	1	3
Altay	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Orduspor	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Trabzonspor	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Adana Demirspor	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Fenerbahçe	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Eskisehirspor	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Galatasary	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Balikesirspor	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Adanaspor	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Bursaspor	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Besiktas	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Zonguldakspor	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Giresunspor	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Boluspor	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Ankaragücü	2	0	0	2	2	8	0

SCOTLAND

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Rangers	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
Hibernian	3	2	0	1	2	1	4
Dundee United	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Celtic	3	1	1	1	6	3	3
Motherwell	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
Ayr United	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Hearts	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Dundee	3	1	0	2	5	9	2
St. Johnstone	3	1	0	2	1	3	2
Aberdeen	3	0	1	2	5	8	1

LUXEMBOURG

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Jeunesse d'Esch	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Aris Bonneweg	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
US Rümelingen	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Etzella Ettelbrück	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Stade Düdelingen	2	1	1	0	8	4	3
Progres Niedercorn	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Red Boys Differding	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Union Luxemburg	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Alliance Düdelingen	2	0	1	1	4	7	1
Chiers Rodange	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Avenir Beggen	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
Fola Esch	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

WEST GERMANY

	p	w	d	l	f
Eintr. Brunswick	7	4	3	0	14
Bayern Mün	7	4	2	1	18
Bor. Münchenglb	7	3	4	0	14
Rot.Weiss Essen	7	3	2	2	14
Eintr. Frankfurt	7	3	2	2	10
Werder Bremen	7	4	0	3	13
Fortuna Düsseldorf	7	3	2	2	12
Hamburger SV	7	2	3	2	10
Hertha BSC	7	3	1	3	15
VfL Bochum	7	2	3	2	9
Karlsruher SC	7	3	1	3	8
MSV Duisburg	7	2	2	3	14
Schalke	7	1	3	3	11
Hannover	7	1	3	3	10
Cologne	7	1	3	3	8
Kaiserslautern	7	1	3	3	9
Kickers Offenbach	7	2	1	4	11
Bayer Uerdingen	7	1	2	4	4

BELGIUM

	p	w	d	l	f
Lokeren	6	5	0	1	20
Lierse SK	6	4	1	1	13
RWD Molenbeek	6	4	1	1	13
Antwerp	6	4	1	1	11
SV Waregem	5	3	2	0	12
Beveren-Waas	6	2	4	0	4
Standard	6	3	1	2	5
FC Bruges	5	2	2	1	9
Liege	6	2	2	2	8
Ostende	6	1	4	1	7
Beerschot	6	2	1	3	9
Anderlecht	6	1	3	2	8
Bercham	5	1	2	2	5
Racing Malinois	5	1	1	3	3
Beringen	5	1	1	3	3
CS Bruges	6	0	3	3	6
La Louriére	6	0	3	3	3
FC Malinois	5	0	3	2	1
SC Charleroi	6	0	1	5	2

Action from an English First Div game between Tottenham Hotspur Norwich City which ended in a draw.

SWITZERLAND

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
St. Gallen	5	4	1	0	8	2	9
Basel	5	4	0	1	17	6	8
Lausanne	5	3	2	0	8	4	8
Servette	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
Zürich	5	3	1	1	11	8	7
Young Boys	5	2	3	0	2	0	7
Neuchâtel Xamax	5	3	0	2	9	4	6
Grasshoppers	5	3	0	2	13	11	6
Chênois	5	2	0	3	5	7	4
Winterthur	5	1	0	4	6	11	2
Sion	5	0	2	3	5	11	2
Lugano	5	0	2	3	4	11	2
Biel	5	0	2	3	2	10	2
Chaux de Fonds	5	0	0	5	5	16	0

SPAIN

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Barcelona	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Real Madrid	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Granada	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Espanol Barcelona	2	1	0	0	3	1	2
Athletic Bilbao	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Racing Santander	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Sevilla	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Hercules Alicante	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Real Sociedad	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Sporting Gijon	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Valencia	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Salamanca	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Real Zaragoza	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
Las Palmas	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Atletico Madrid	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Oviedo	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Real Betis	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Elche	2	0	0	2	4	6	0

AUSTRIA

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Austria/WAC	8	5	2	1	16	5	12
Rapid	8	5	0	3	14	8	10
SW Innsbruck	8	4	2	2	13	10	10
Sturm Graz	8	3	3	2	10	10	9
VOeEST Linz	8	1	6	1	11	10	8
Austria Salzburg	8	2	4	2	9	9	8
Admira/Waeker	8	3	2	3	9	10	8
Grazer AK	8	1	4	3	10	15	6
Linzer ASK	8	1	3	4	8	15	5
Austria Klagenfurt	8	1	2	5	5	13	4

Roger Kenyon (right) of Everton clashes with young Arsenal centre-forward Frank Stapleton during a 2-2 draw at Highbury.

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HUNGARY

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Ferencvaros	5	4	0	1	15	6	8
Diosgyör	5	3	1	1	7	2	7
Videoton	5	3	1	1	11	6	7
Honved	5	3	1	1	10	8	7
MTK/VM	5	3	0	2	9	3	6
Rakoczi Kapoavar	5	2	2	1	8	7	6
Ujpest Dozsa	5	3	0	2	10	11	6
Czepel Budapest	5	2	1	2	8	8	5
SZEOL Szeged	5	2	1	2	7	14	5
Raba ETO Györ	5	1	2	2	9	9	4
Vasas Budapest	5	1	2	2	8	10	4
Bekescsaba	5	1	2	2	4	7	4
Salgotarjan	5	2	0	3	7	12	4
Haladas Szom	5	1	1	3	10	11	3
Zalaegerszeg	5	1	1	3	7	9	3
Tatabanya Banyasz	5	0	1	4	7	14	1

POLAND

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Stal Mielec	6	2	4	0	14	6	8
Ruch	6	4	0	2	12	6	8
Pogon Szczecin	6	4	0	2	11	7	8
ROW Rybnik	6	3	2	1	6	5	8
Polonia	6	3	1	2	9	7	7
Wisla Krakow	6	3	1	2	6	5	7
LKS Lodz	6	1	4	1	8	7	6
Slask Wroclaw	6	2	2	2	7	6	6
GKS Tychy	6	2	2	2	8	8	6
Gornik Zabrze	6	1	3	2	8	10	5
Szombierki Bytom	6	2	1	3	6	8	5
Stal Rzeszow	6	1	3	2	4	6	5
Lech Poznan	6	2	1	3	12	15	5
Wildzew Lodz	6	1	3	2	4	7	5
Legia	6	2	1	3	8	13	5
Zaklebie Sosnowiec	6	0	2	4	2	9	2

USSR

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Dynamo Kiev	21	13	6	2	39	17	32
Torpedo Moskow	21	9	6	6	33	24	24
Karpaty Lwov	21	7	9	5	28	23	23
Dynamo Moskow	21	7	9	5	24	20	23
Dnjepr Dnjepropet.	20	8	6	6	26	23	22
Dynamo Tbilisi	21	8	6	7	23	21	22
Sarja Voroschilvg	21	7	8	6	24	25	22
Schachtjor Donezk	18	8	5	5	27	18	21
Ararat Erevan	21	9	3	9	26	29	21
CSKA Moscow	20	6	8	6	23	21	20
Tschernomorez O	21	7	5	9	20	25	19
Lokomoth Mos	21	4	10	7	17	21	18
Spartak Moskow	21	5	8	8	17	22	18
Pachtakor Taschkent	21	7	4	10	22	30	18
Zenit Leningrad	20	5	6	9	18	30	16
SKA Rostov	21	3	5	13	16	34	11

EAST GERMANY

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Dynamo Dresden	5	4	1	0	15	6	9
Lok. Leipzig	5	4	1	0	11	6	9
Dynamo Berlin	5	3	0	2	16	9	6
Carl Zeiss Jena	5	3	0	2	14	8	6
Magdeburg	5	3	0	2	11	6	6
Chemie Halle	5	2	2	1	9	7	6
Sachsenring	5	1	4	0	4	3	6
Rot-Weiss Erfurt	5	2	0	3	12	11	4
Energie Cottbus	5	1	2	2	11	14	4
Vorw. Frankfurt	5	1	2	2	10	14	4
Stahl Riesa	5	1	2	2	6	12	4
Wismut Aue	5	0	3	2	8	14	3
Karl-Marx-Stadt	5	1	0	4	3	12	2
Chemie Leipzig	5	0	1	4	4	12	1

PORTUGAL

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
CUF Barreiro	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Braga	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Porto	2	1	1	0	7	2	3
Boavista Porto	2	1	1	0	4	0	3
Vit. Guimaraes	2	1	1	0	5	2	3
Benfica	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Sporting	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Belenenses	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Estoril-Praia	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Vit. Setubal	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Academico Coimbra	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Leixoes Porto	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
Atletico	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Beira-Mar	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Farense Faro	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
Tomar	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

RUMANIA

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
AS Armata	6	4	1	1	14	6	9
Uni. Craiova	6	3	2	1	10	4	8
Arges Pitesti	6	2	3	1	8	5	7
SC Bacau	6	3	1	2	8	6	7
Olimpia Satumare	6	2	3	1	7	6	7
Sportul	6	3	1	2	7	6	7
Steaua	6	2	3	1	7	6	7
CSM Resita	6	3	1	2	9	9	7
Dinamo	6	3	0	3	11	8	6
Rapid	6	2	2	2	5	5	6
Poli. Iassi	6	3	0	3	9	11	6
CFR Cluj	6	2	1	3	6	9	5
Bihor Oradea	6	2	1	3	6	10	5
Jiil Petrosani	6	2	1	3	7	13	5
"Uni" Cluj	6	2	0	4	10	8	4
UT Aarad	6	2	0	4	8	9	4
Constanta	6	2	0	4	7	9	4
Poli. Timisoara	6	1	2	3	5	14	4

HOLLAND

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Feyenoord	4	4	0	0	11	1	8
PSV Eindhoven	4	3	1	0	13	2	7
Ajax Amsterdam	4	3	1	0	8	3	7
Twente Enschede	4	3	0	1	12	5	6
NEC Nijmegen	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
AZ'67 Alkmaar	4	2	1	1	5	2	5
Telstar Velsen	5	1	3	1	12	10	5
Sparta	4	1	3	0	6	4	5
Amsterdam	4	2	1	1	9	8	5
De Graafschap	4	2	1	1	8	13	5
Eindhoven	4	1	1	2	5	10	3
Den Haag	4	0	2	2	5	8	2
MVV Maastricht	3	1	0	2	4	8	2
GAE Deventer	4	0	2	2	4	9	2
NAC Breda	4	0	2	2	2	7	2
Roda JC Kerkrade	4	0	1	3	6	9	1
Utrecht	4	0	1	3	4	10	1
Excelsior	4	0	1	3	1	9	1

DENMARK

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Köge BK	21	11	6	4	43	24	28
Holbaek BK	20	12	3	5	35	25	27
Naestved IF	21	10	6	5	36	32	26
Esbjerg BK	21	6	12	3	28	21	24
Vanlöse IF	21	10	4	7	36	35	24
Aalborg BK	20	10	3	7	42	31	23
KB Copenhagen	21	10	3	8	43	34	23
B 1901 Nyköbing	21	9	5	7	30	28	23
B 1903 K'hagen	20	7	7	6	34	22	21
Randers Freja	21	6	7	8	23	33	19
Vejle BK	21	6	6	9	28	32	18
B 1893 C'hagen	21	5	8	8	24	29	18
Frem Copenhagen	20	6	4	10	26	36	16
Fremand Amager	21	7	2	12	30	42	16
B 1909 Odense	21	6	1	14	37	51	13
Slagelse BIK	21	5	3	13	20	40	13

NORWAY

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Viking	16	11	2	3	26	11	24
Stromsgödset	16	9	3	4	31	17	21
Rosenborg	16	8	3	5	26	19	19
Brann	16	6	7	3	25	19	19
Start	16	8	3	5	22	16	19
Lillestrom	16	8	2	6	20	14	18
Mjöndalen	16	6	5	5	16	16	17
Fredrujstad	16	6	4	6	23	28	16
Molde	16	6	3	7	17	20	15
Skeid	16	4	4	8	14	16	12
Valerengen	16	1	6	8	10	27	9
Os	16	0	3	13	9	36	3

Morete (dark shirt), the top scorer for River Plate in the Argentina league last season, has now been transferred to Las Palmas in Spain.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
VSS Kosice	8	6	0	2	21	12	12
Slovan	8	5	1	2	18	7	11
Dukla	8	5	1	2	16	7	11
Trnava	8	4	2	2	14	6	10
Lok. Kosice	8	5	0	3	13	15	10
Slavia	8	4	1	3	17	11	9
Zilina	8	3	2	3	10	15	8
Brno	8	2	3	3	14	10	7
Teplice	8	3	1	4	12	15	7
Inter	8	3	1	4	3	6	7
Plzen	8	3	1	4	10	16	7
Trencin	8	3	1	4	7	22	7
Bohemians	8	2	2	4	11	13	6
Ostrava	8	2	2	4	10	12	6
Jablonec	8	2	2	4	7	11	6
Trinec	8	2	0	6	8	13	4

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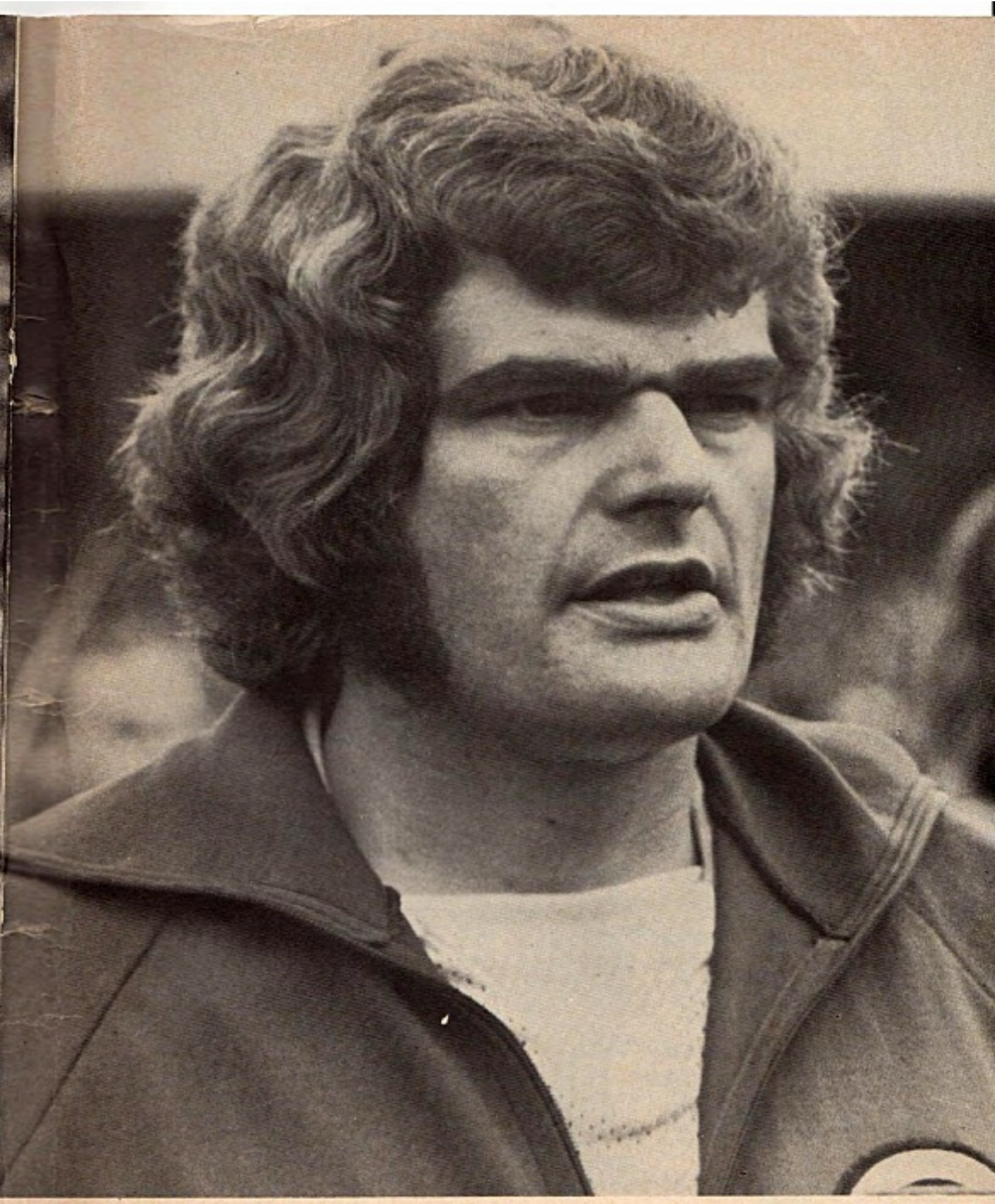

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Front row: CHARLIE AITKEN, JOHN GIDMAN, IAN HAMILTON, RON SAUNDERS (Manager), IAN ROSS, JOHN ROBSON, BRIAN LITTLE and RAY GRAYDON